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Immediately following the release of John Mayer's Battle Studies, the buzz began that the seven-time Grammy-winning artist had another bulletproof hit on his hands. "Billboard Top 200 Chart" confirmed that Battle Studies, Mayer's fourth studio album, reached the highest chart position in the U.S. after a release week that catered to fans and focused on performance. Billboard magazine called Battle Studies "the best and most adventurous of his four studio albums."

Battle Studies incorporates the warmth, melodies, and simplicity of '70s and '80s California rock and pop. The album is a confessional, relaxed, and liberated album recorded in a private home in California, where Mayer lived and worked over the course of six months before wrapping at the famed Capitol Studios in Los Angeles. The album was co-produced by Mayer and Steve Jordan and released in November 2009 by Columbia Records.

Since his acclaimed debut in 2001, with *Room for Squares*, each release has earned Mayer additional accolades. Through 2003's *Heavier Things*, his work with John Mayer Trio in 2005, 2006's *Continuum*, and now, *Battle Studies*, Mayer has established himself as a musician and collaborator who exceeds genre boundaries. The guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter has earned seven Grammy Awards and sold over 12 million albums worldwide.

In May 2007 *Time* magazine placed Mayer on their "*Time* 100" list of the most influential contemporary thinkers, leaders, artists, and entertainers. For two consecutive years, *Rolling Stone* magazine featured Mayer on the cover of their annual "Guitar" issue—first with the May 2008 "Living Guitar Legends" issue and then as part of February 2007's "Guitar Heroes" roundup, showcasing Mayer with peers and icons alike.

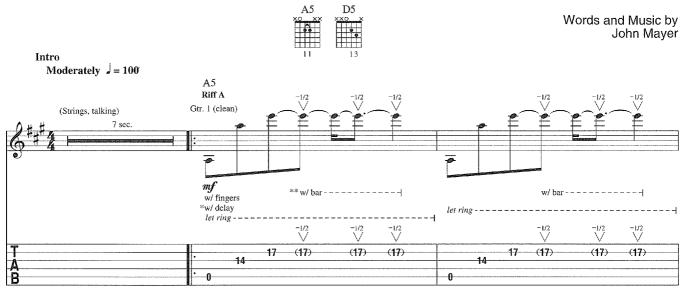
Pairings with a range of artists is a defining trait of the musician whose collaborative streak is well known. From rock to blues, hip-hop to jazz to country, Mayer has performed and/or recorded with Eric Clapton, B.B. King, Buddy Guy, T-Bone Burnett, Herbie Hancock, the Dixie Chicks, Jay Z, Alicia Keys, and Taylor Swift. In 2005 Mayer famously toured and recorded with power players Pino Palladino and Steve Jordan as John Mayer Trio, whose live album, Try!, featured searing blues and rock.

As on *Continuum*, Mayer again took the helm as the co-producer of *Battle Studies* and crafted what is arguably one of the best rock albums of this century. The consistency with which Mayer combines word craft and melody has earned him rarefied status in popular culture as a genuine and respected songwriter and musician.

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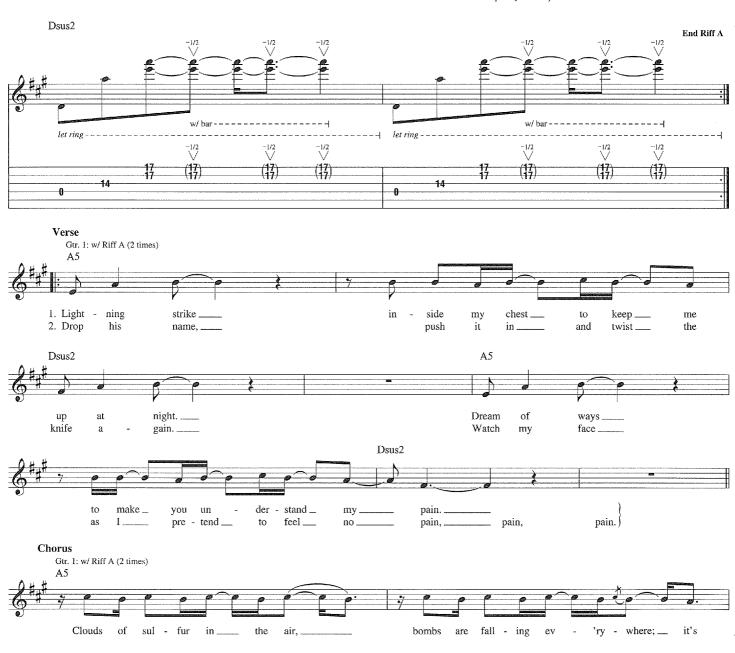
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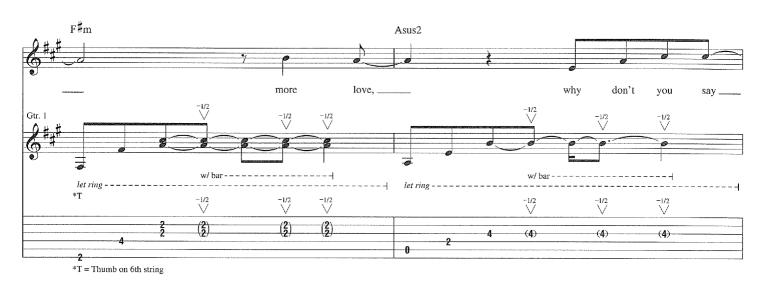
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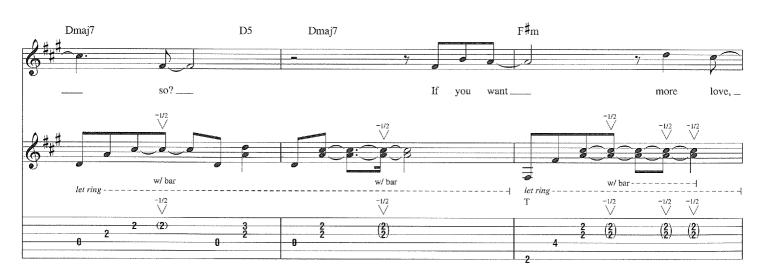
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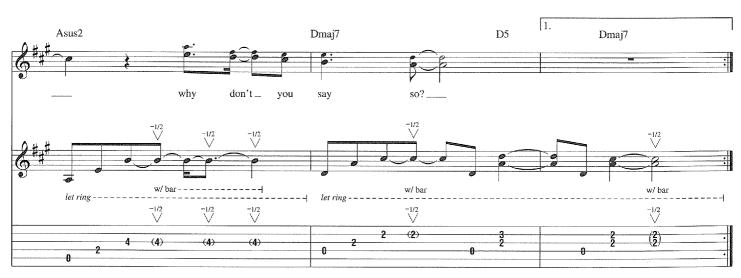


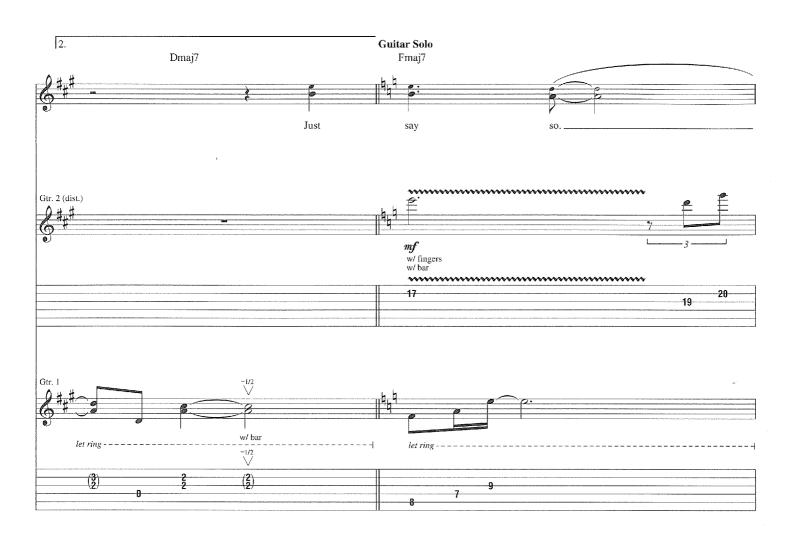


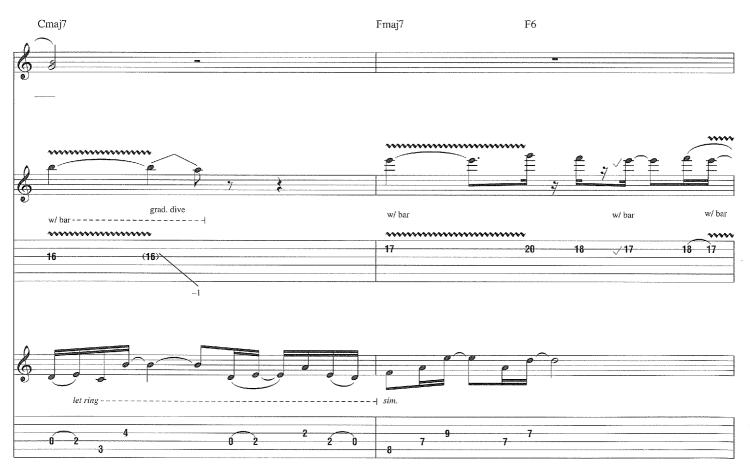










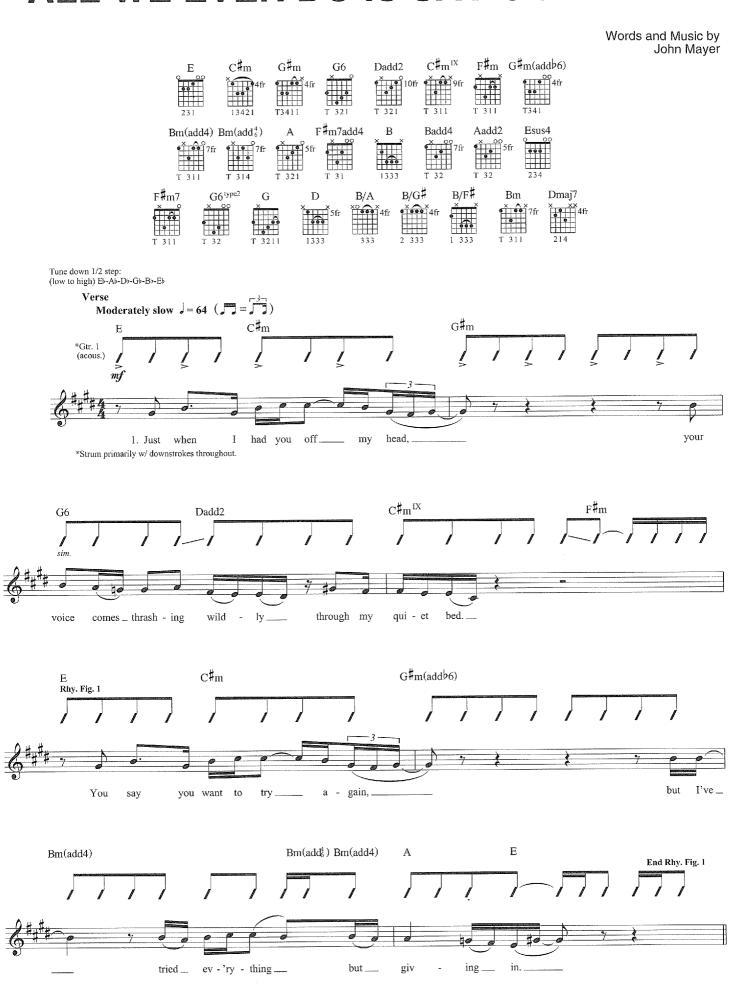




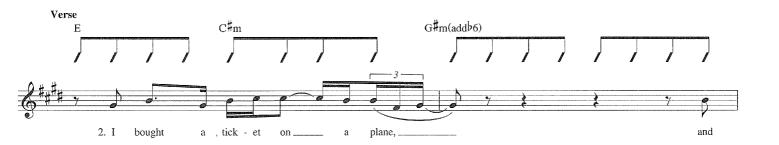


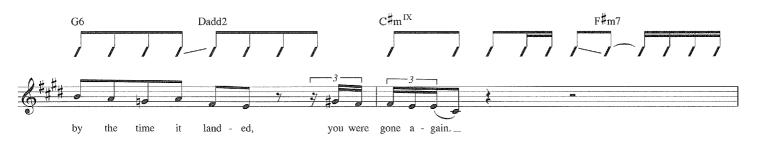


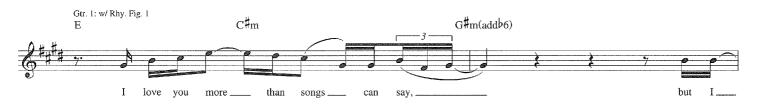
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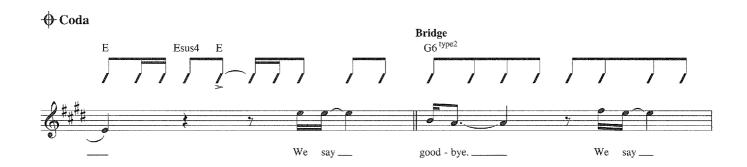


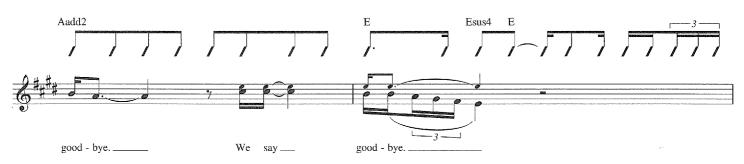


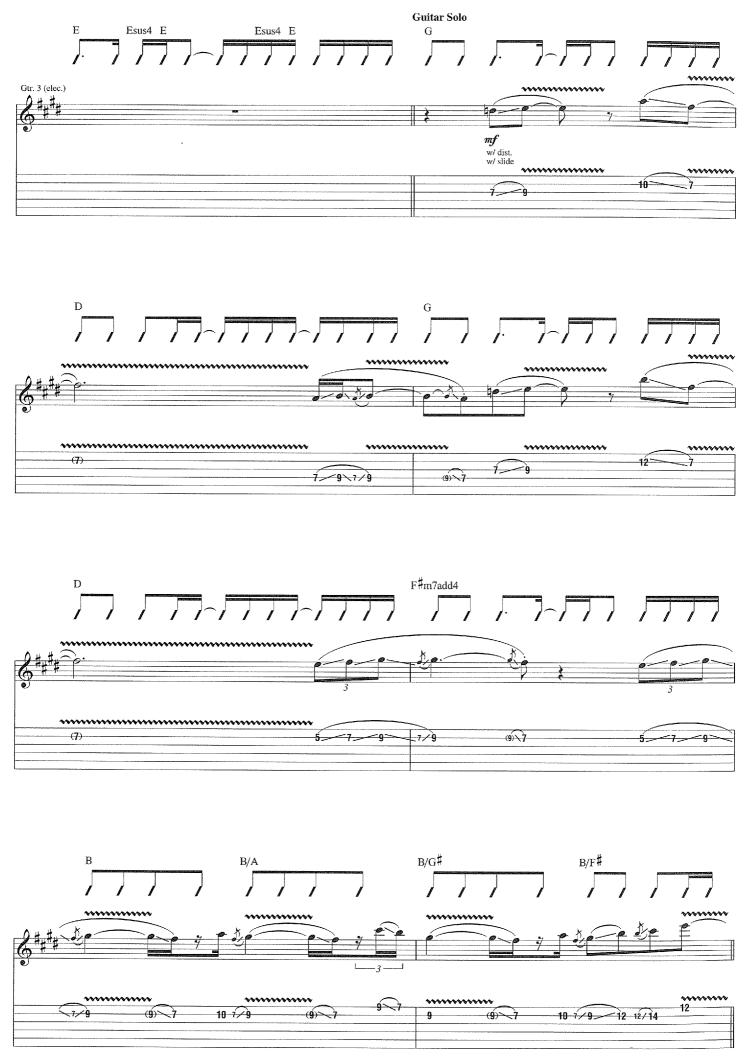












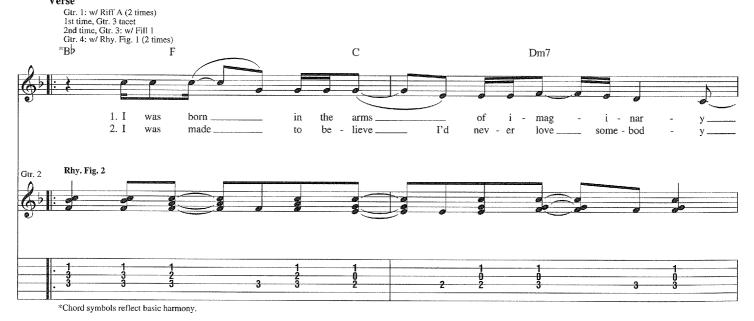




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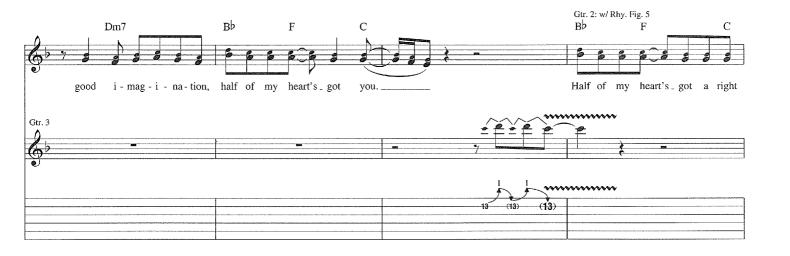


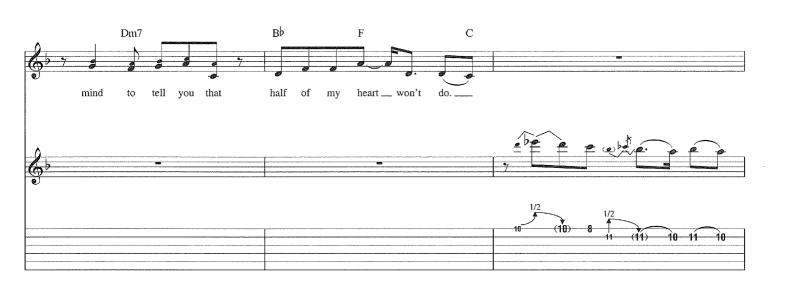


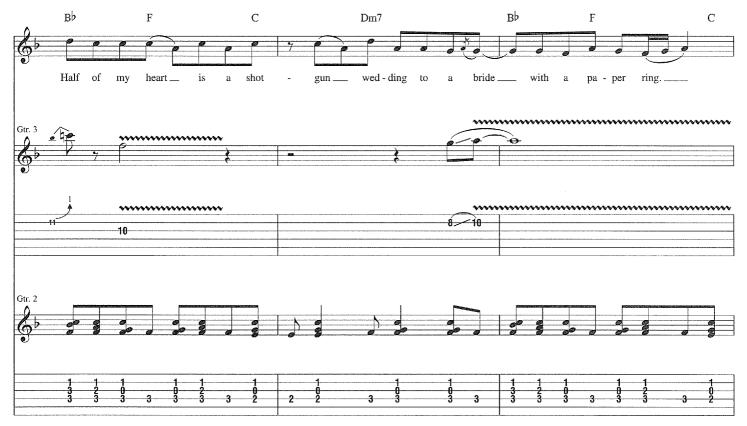


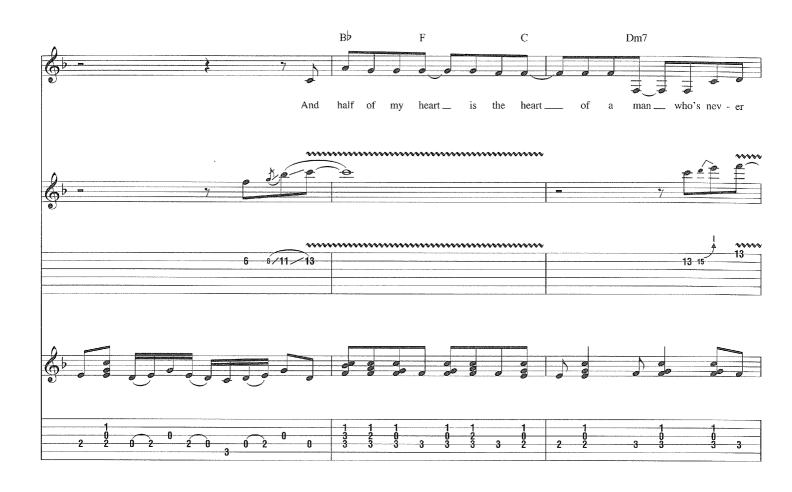


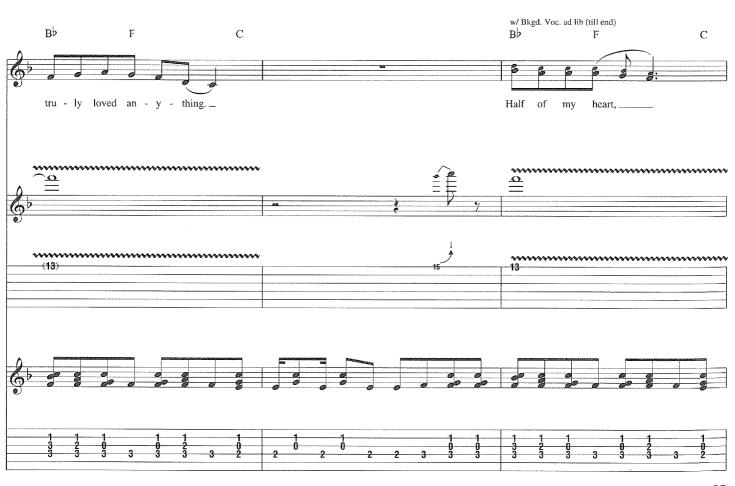


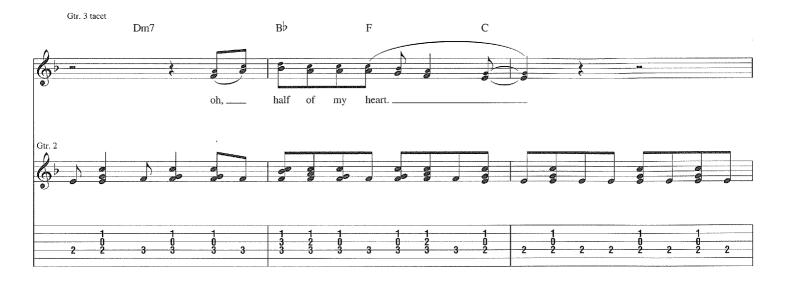


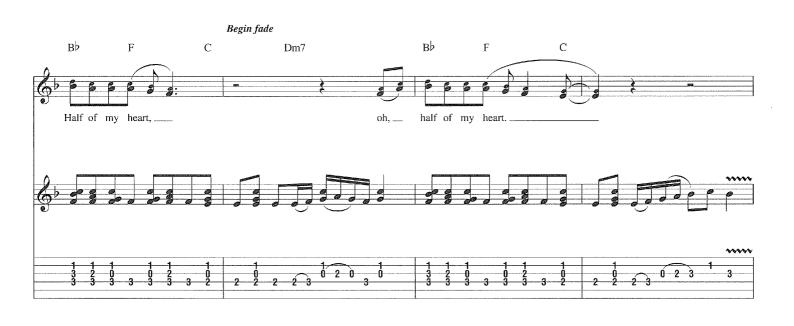


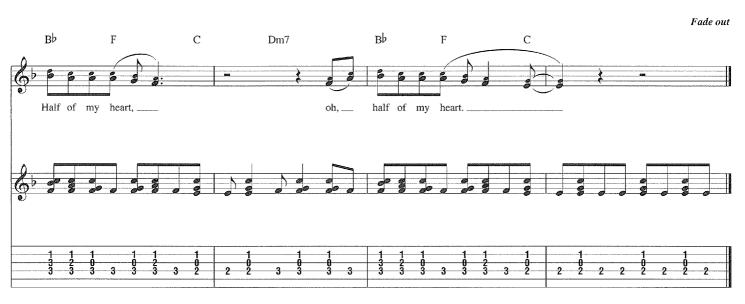






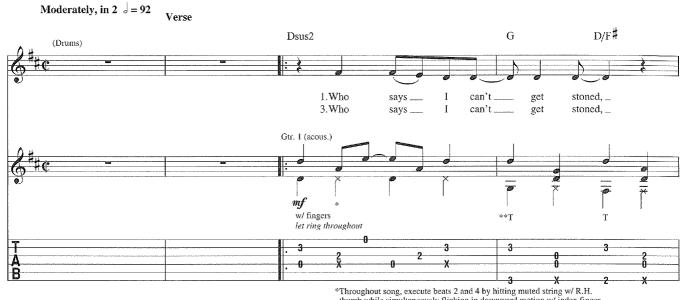






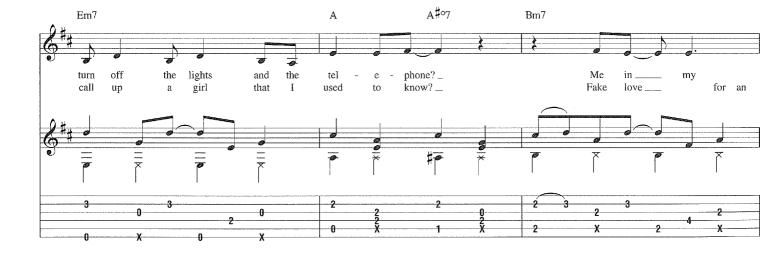
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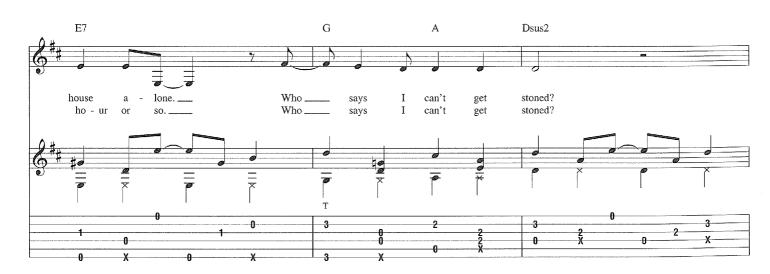
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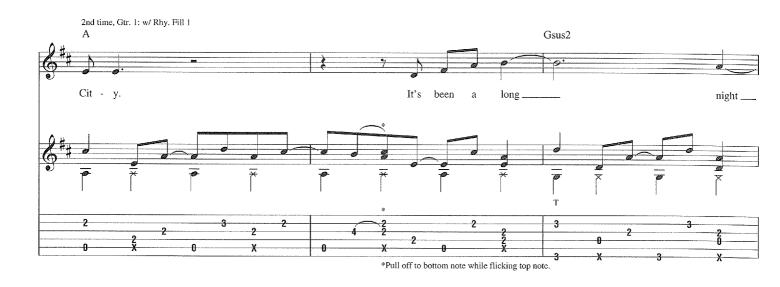
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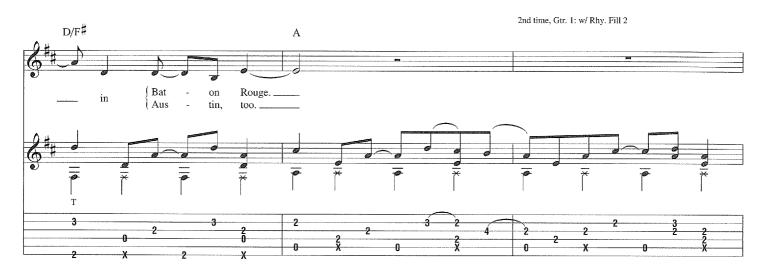
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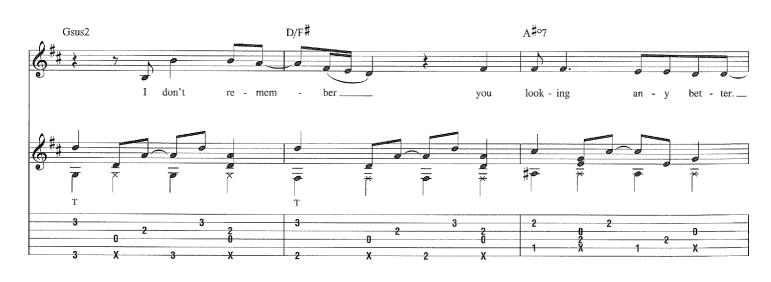


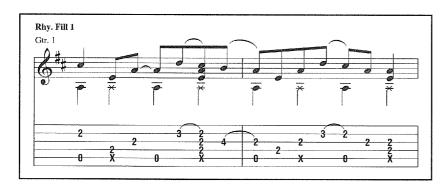


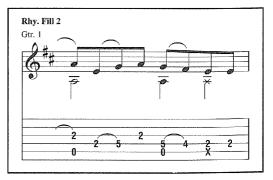




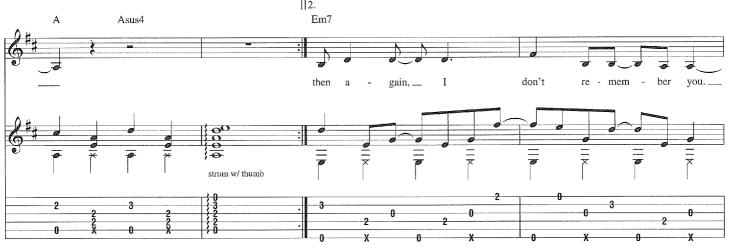


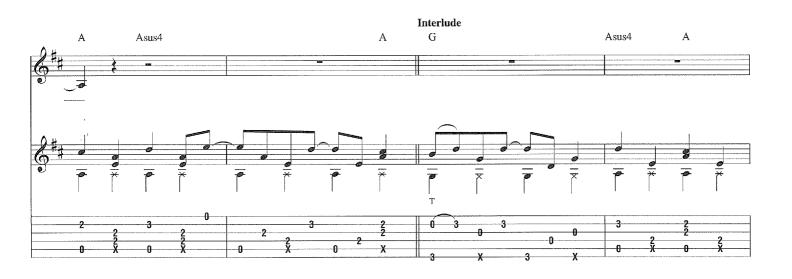


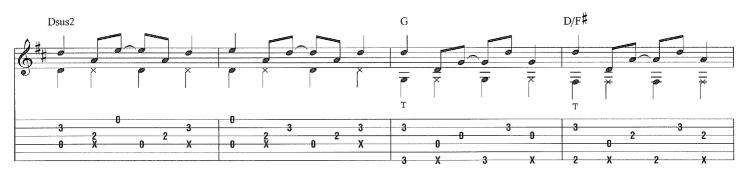


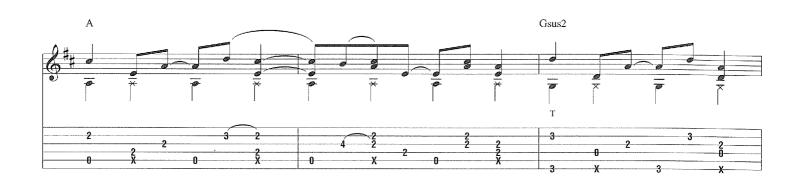


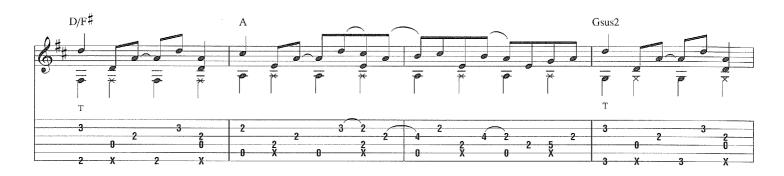


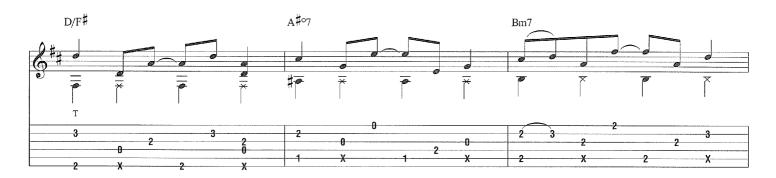


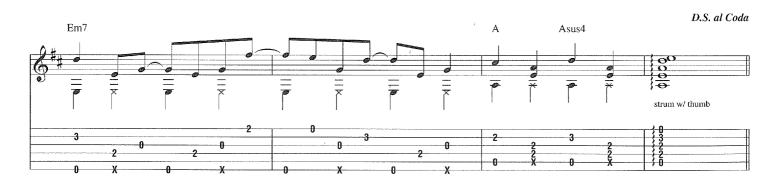


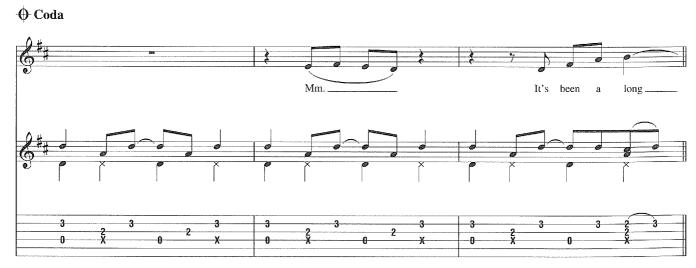




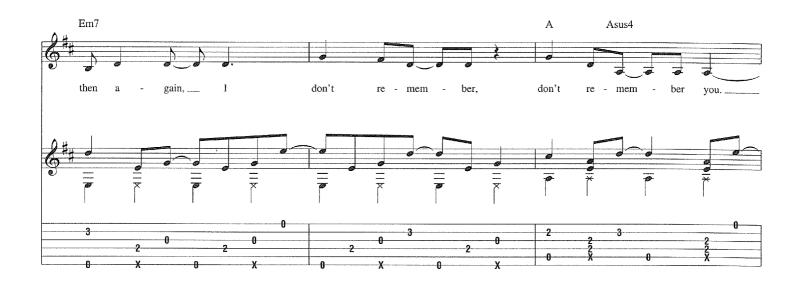


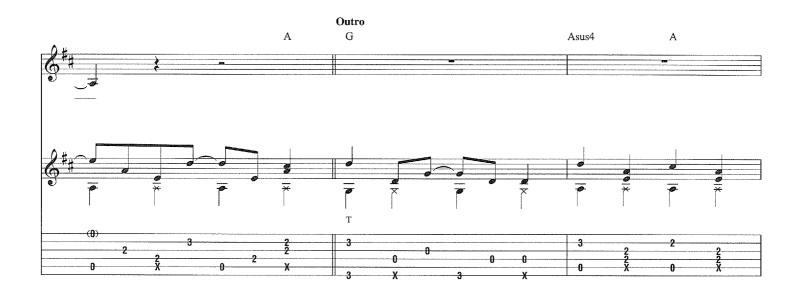


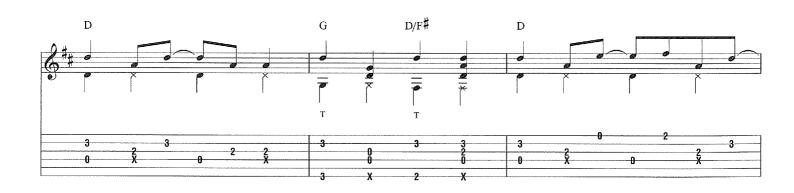


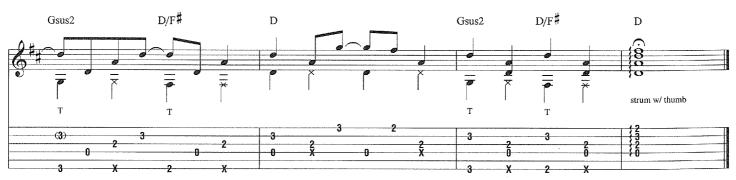






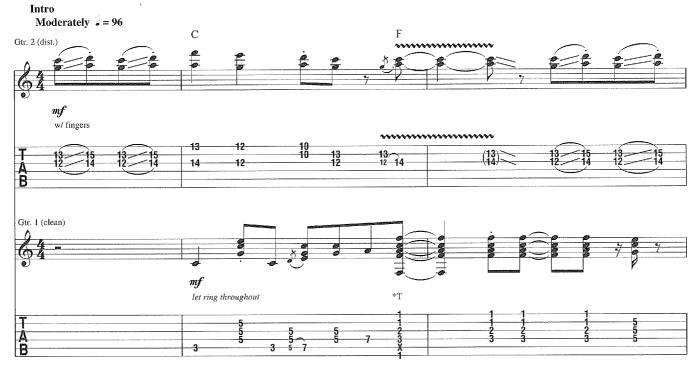


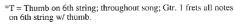


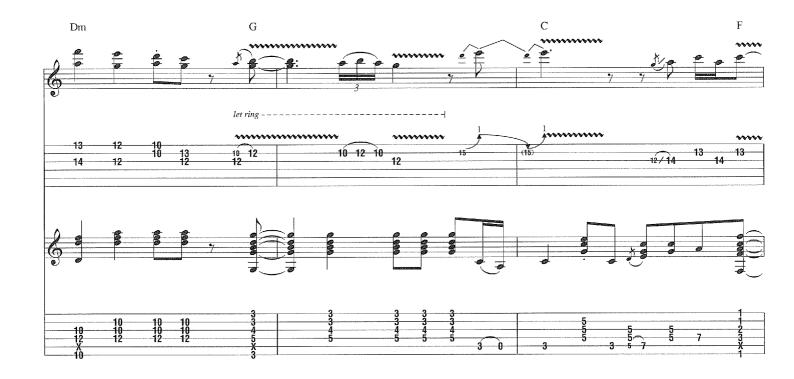


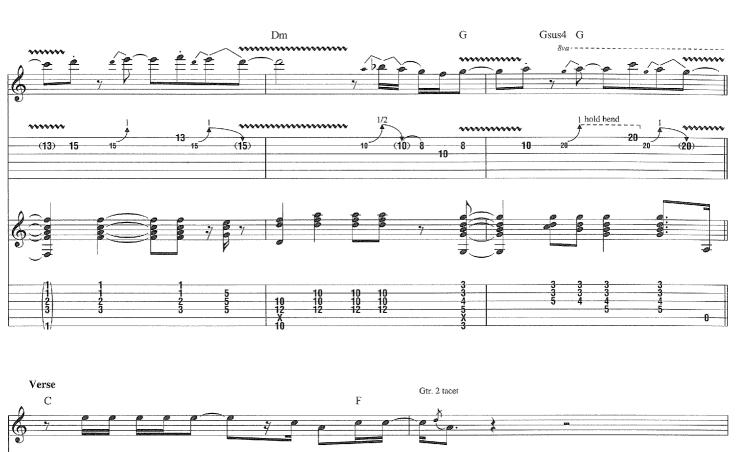
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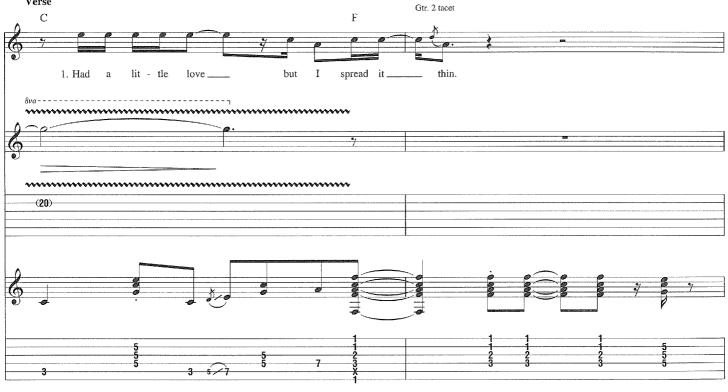
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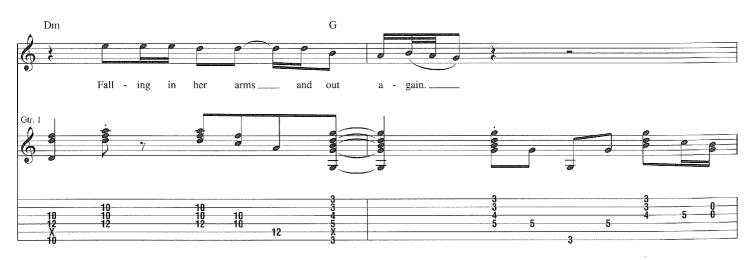




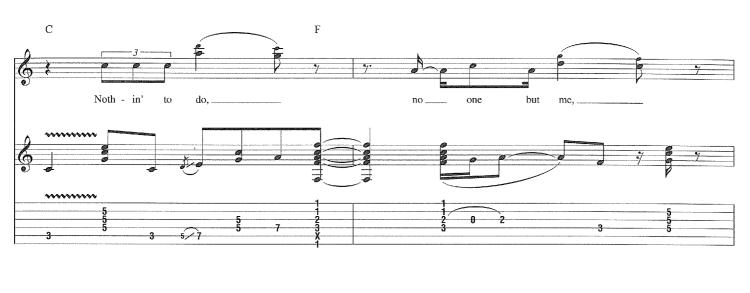


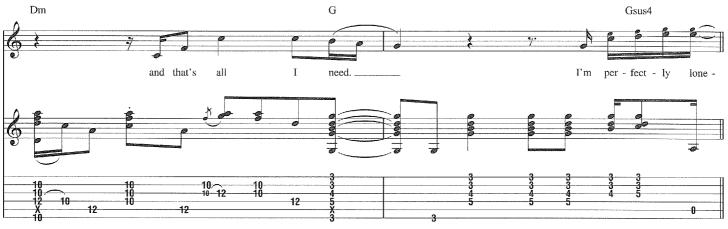


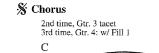


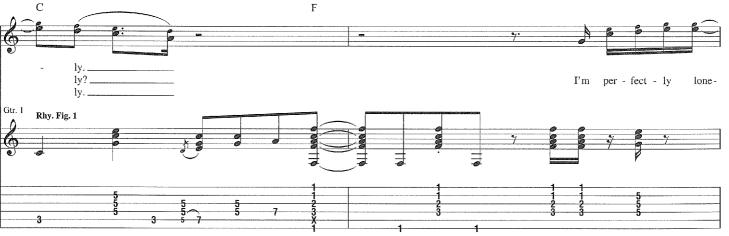


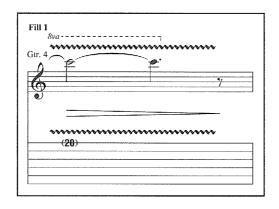






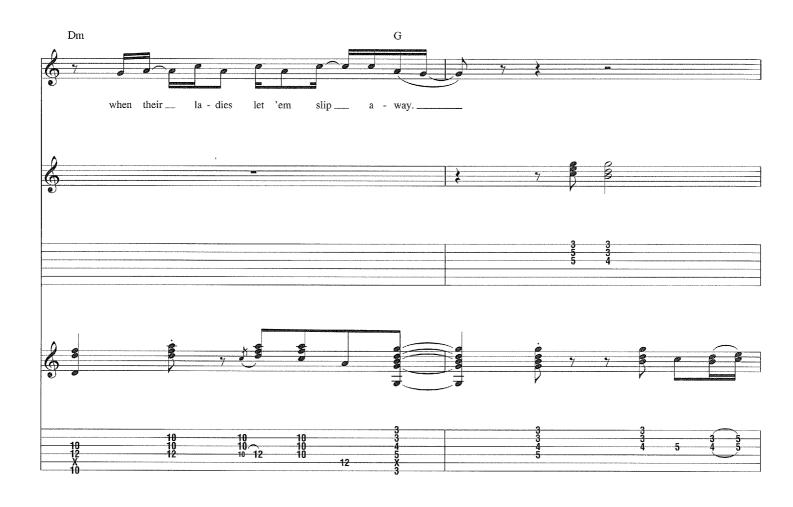




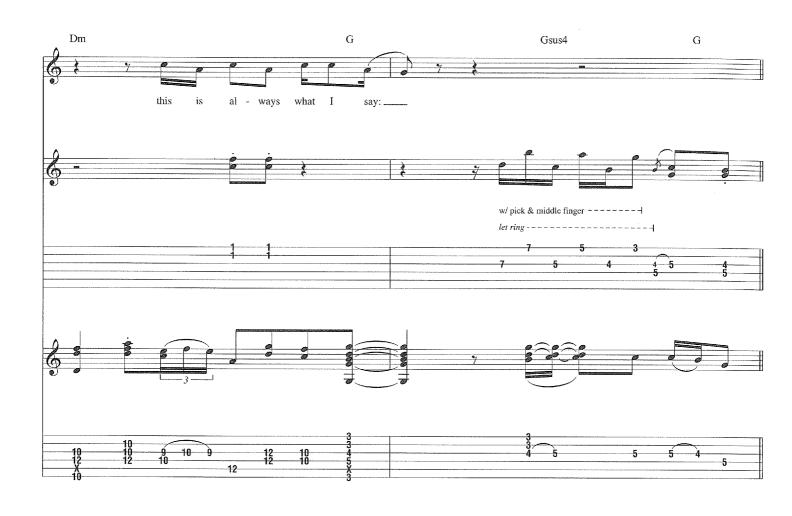


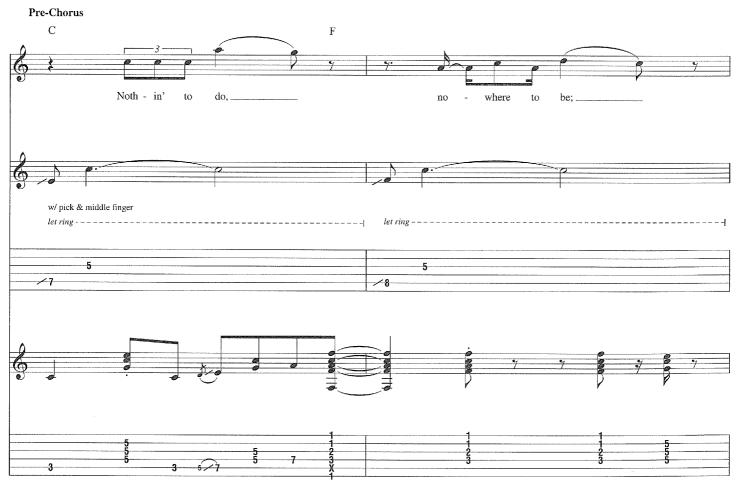






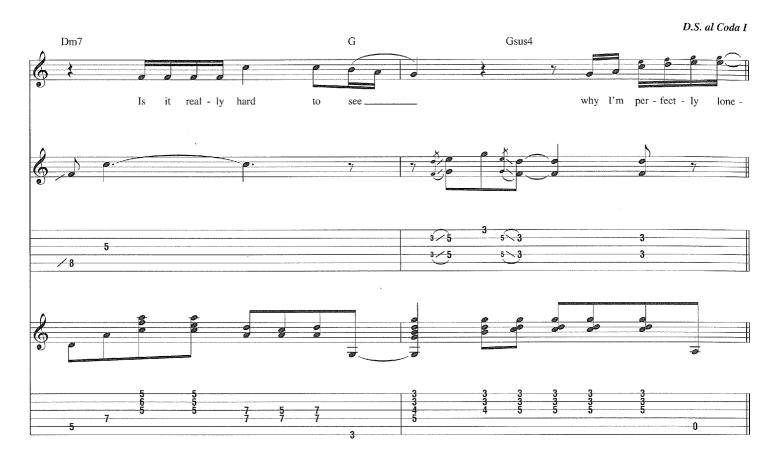


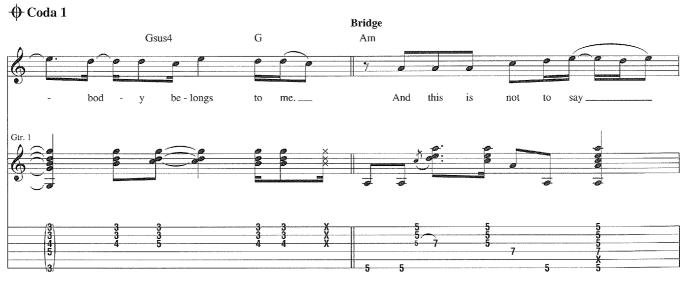


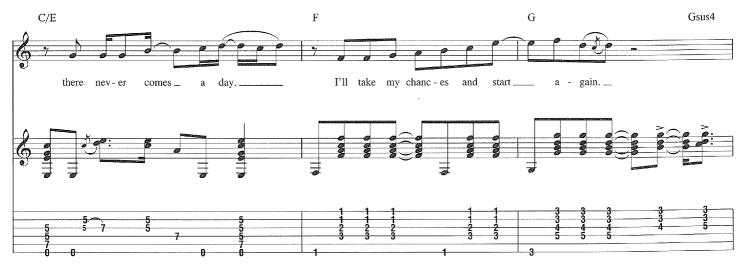


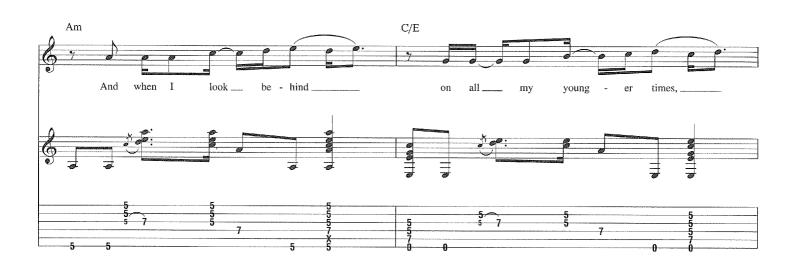


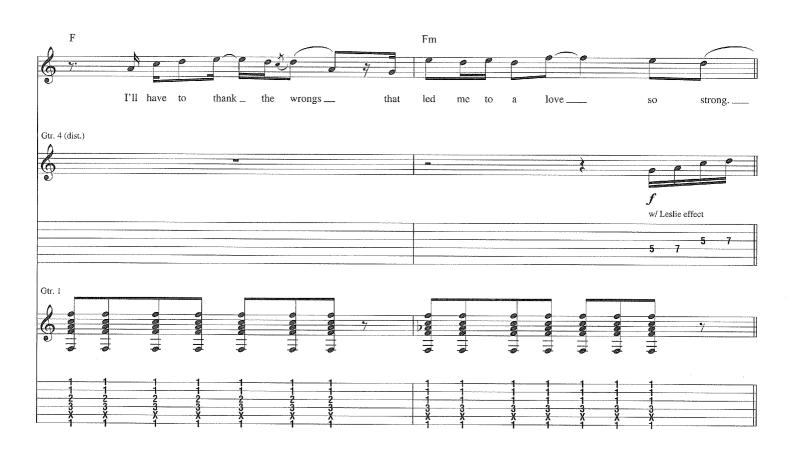


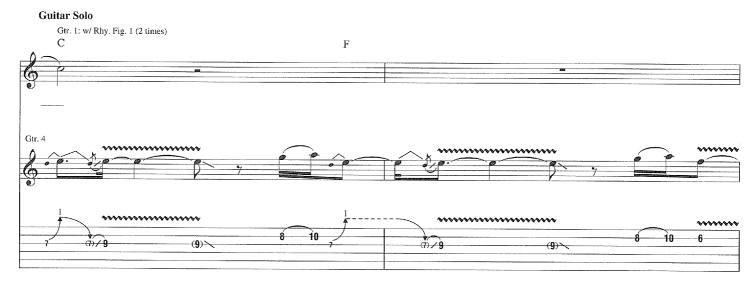






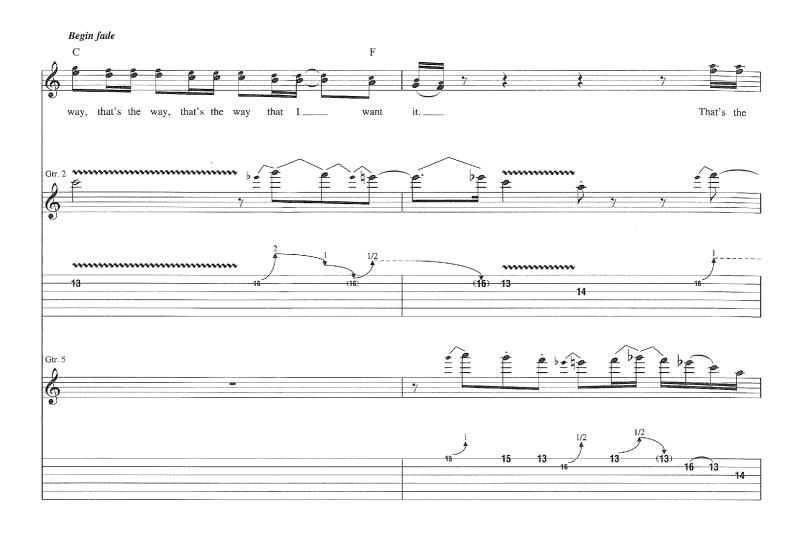


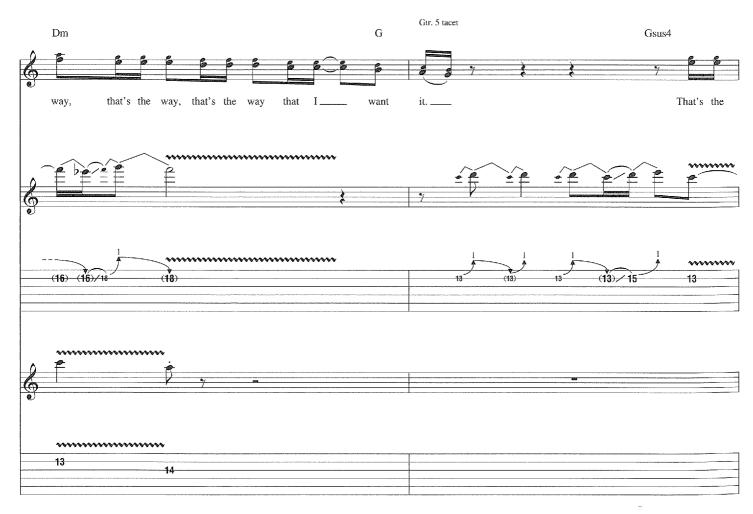


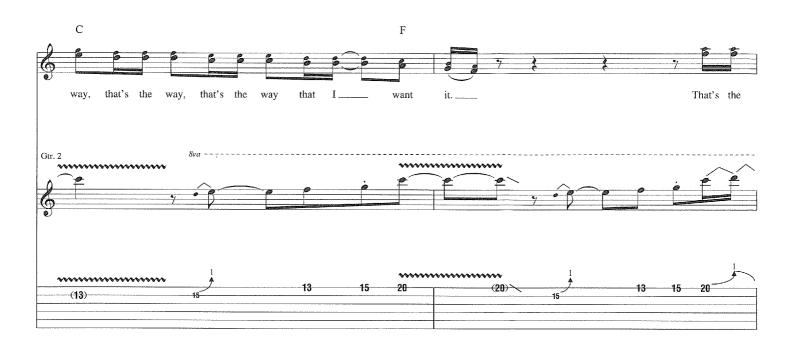


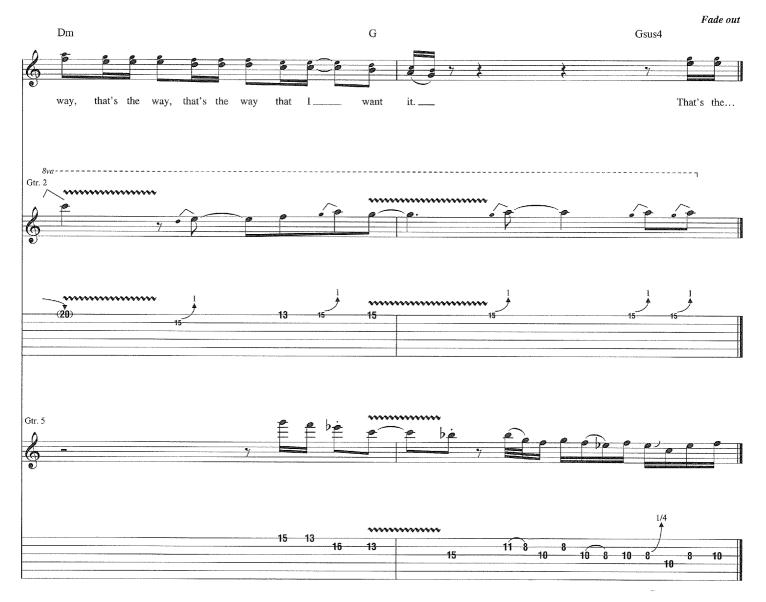






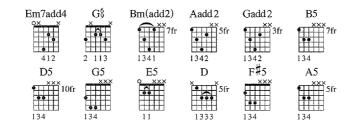


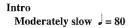


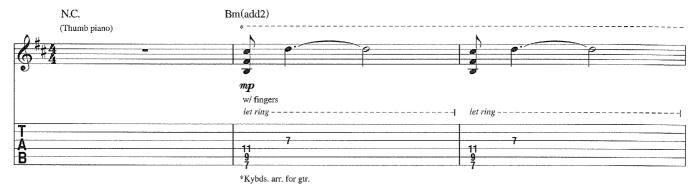


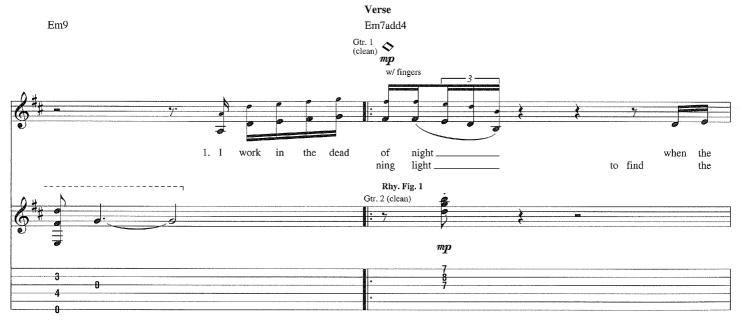
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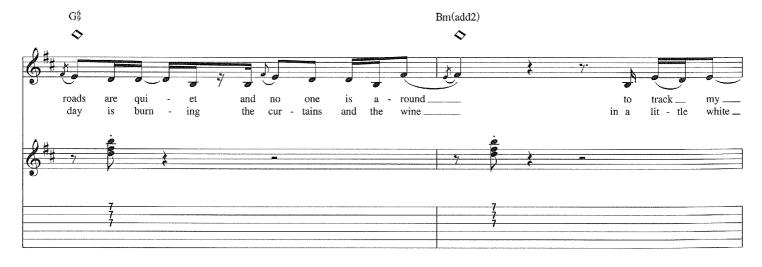
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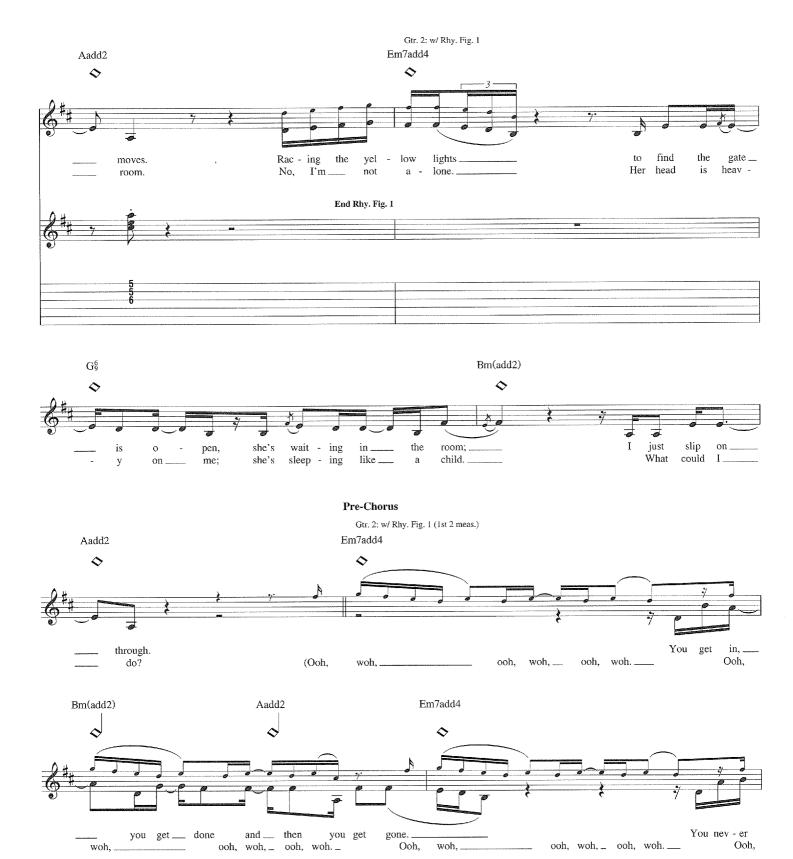


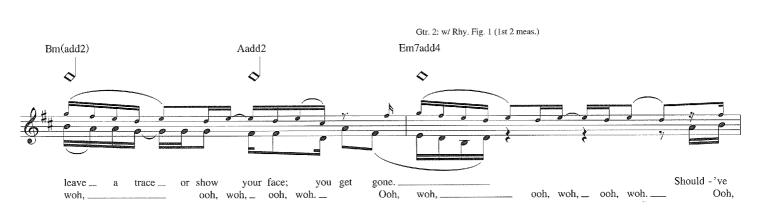


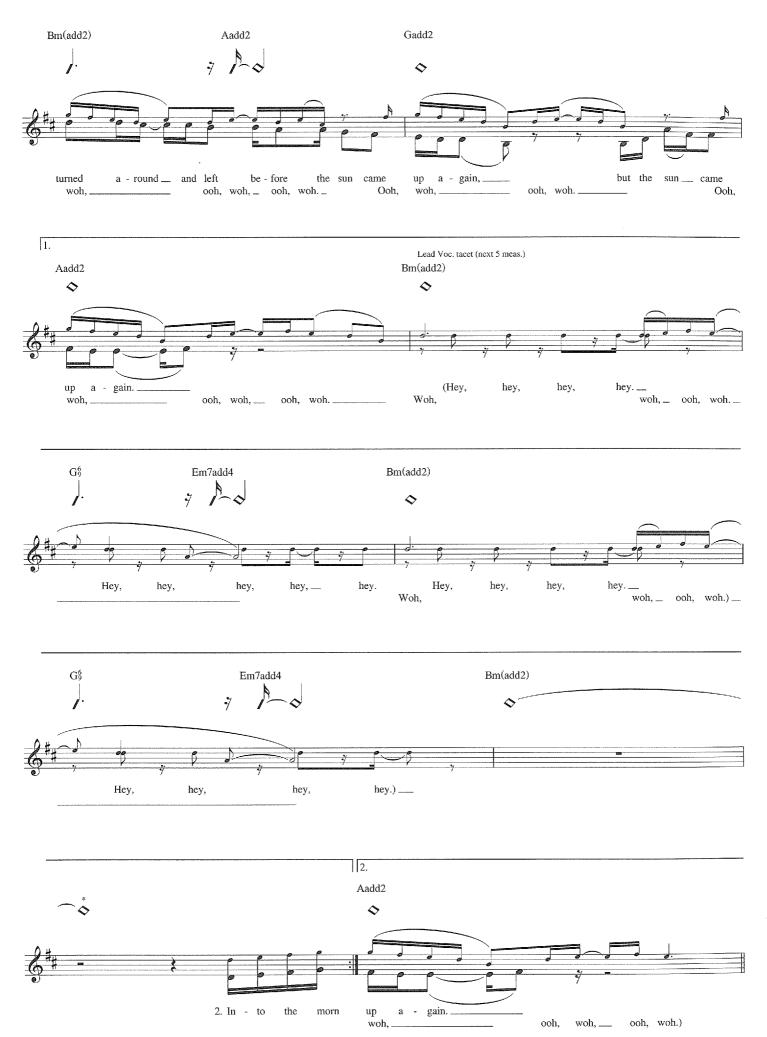








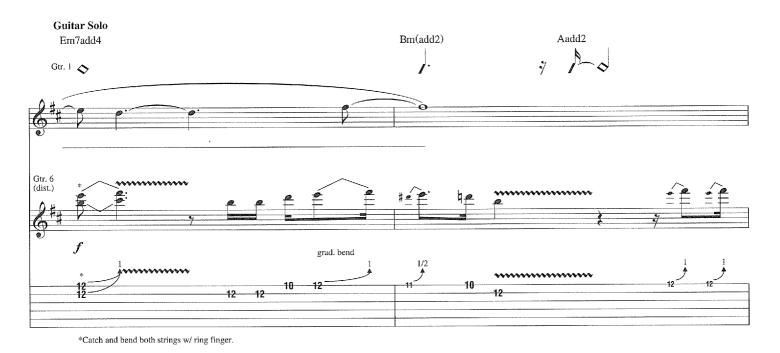


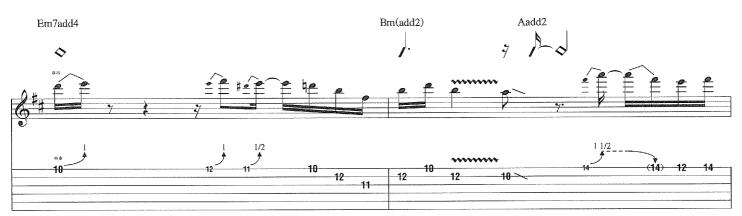


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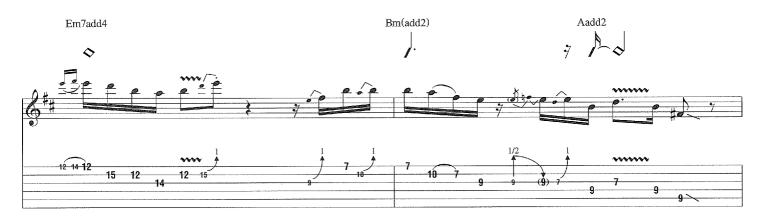


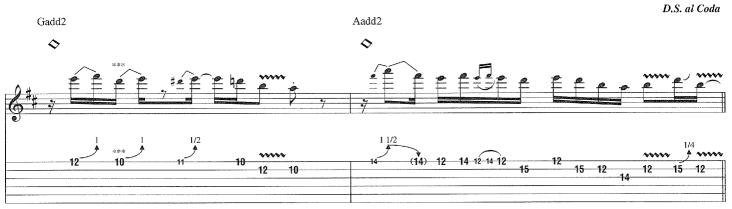






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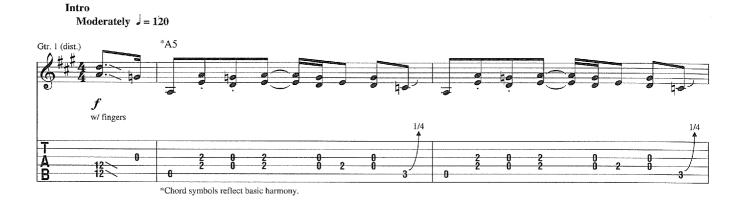
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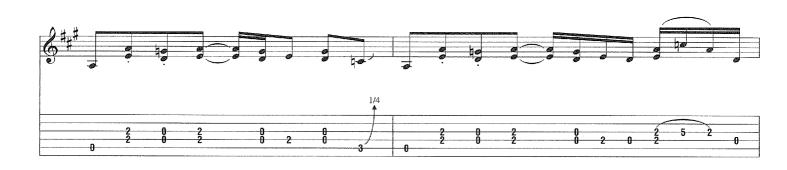


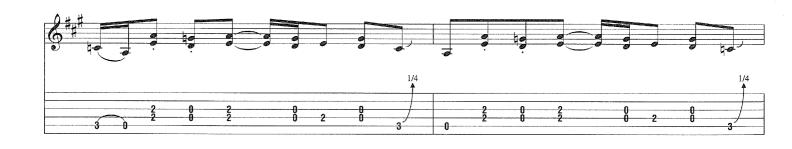


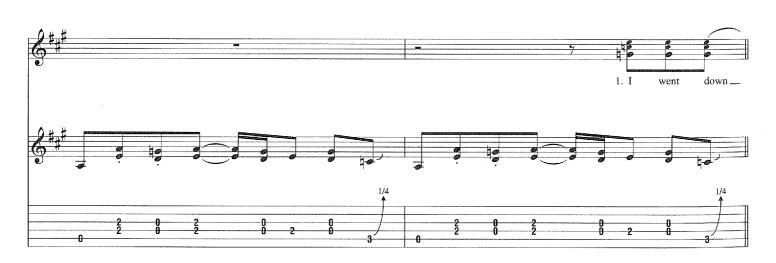
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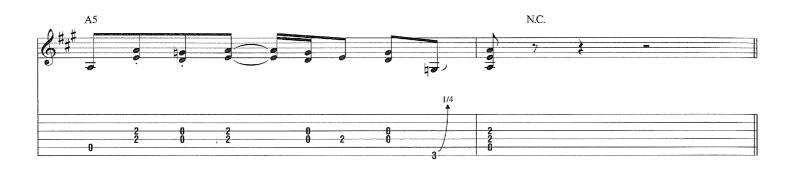


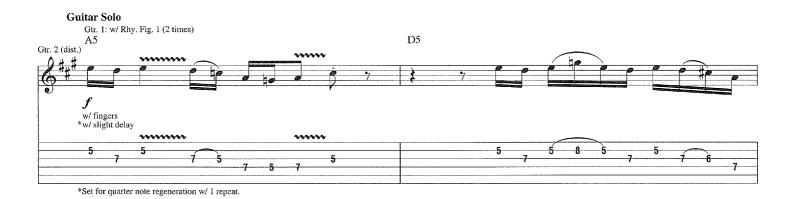


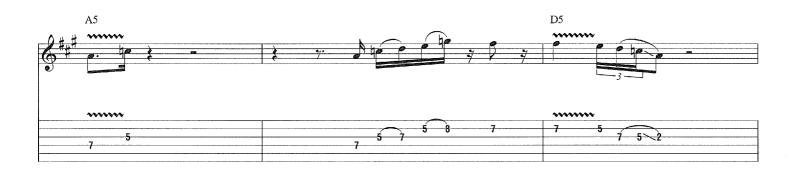


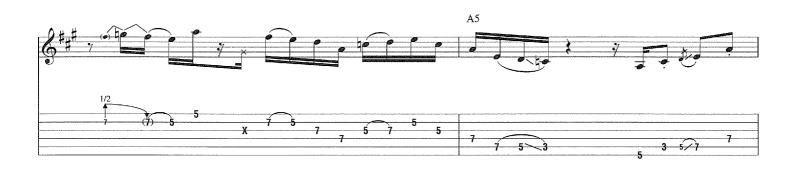


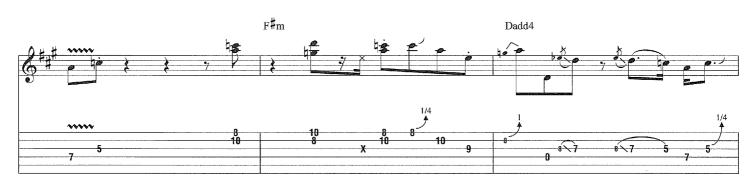


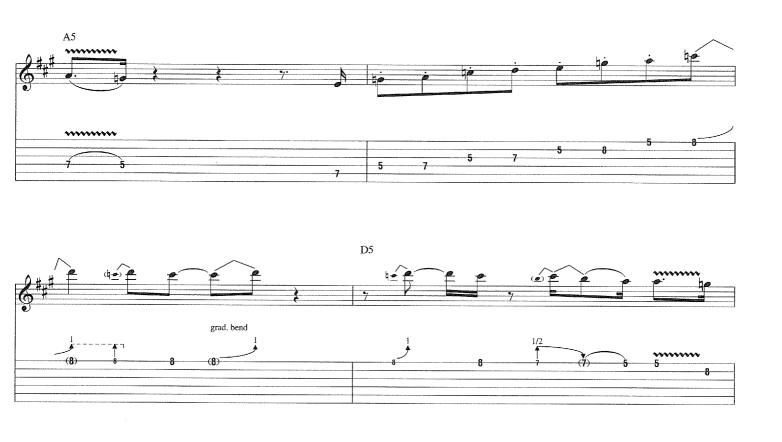


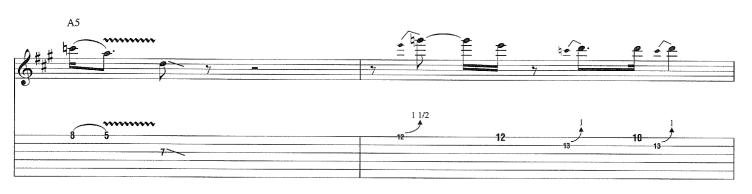


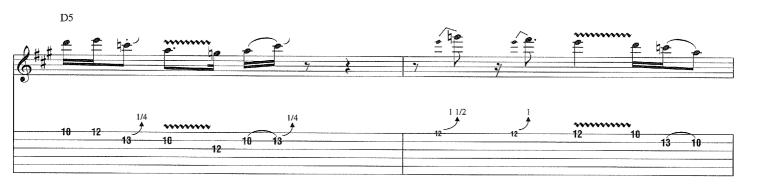


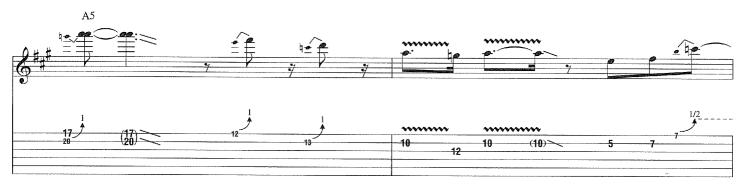


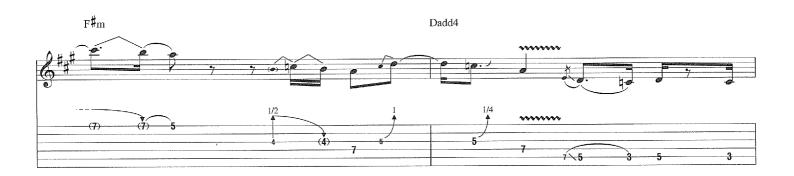


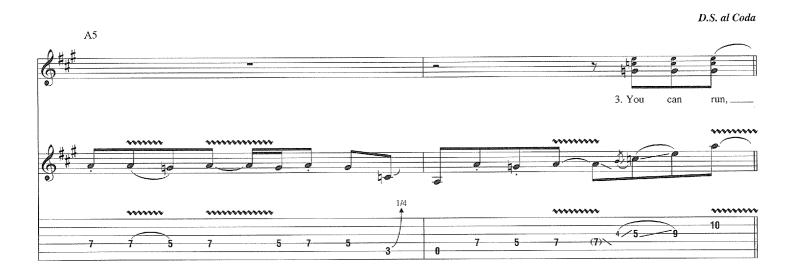


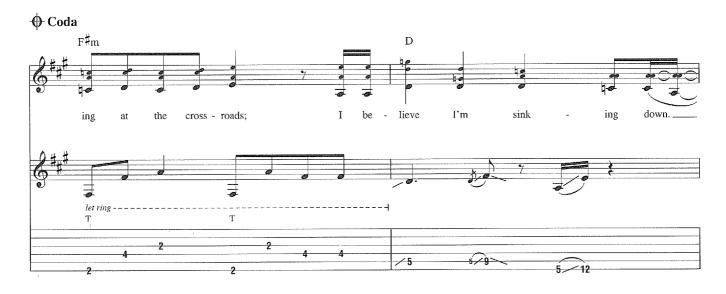


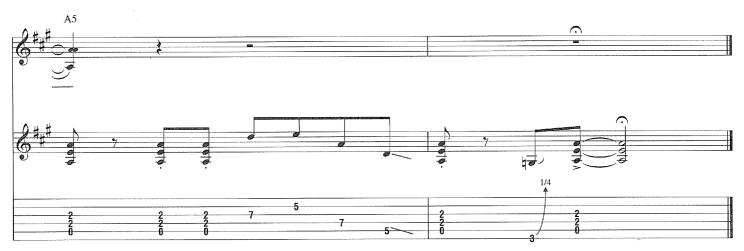






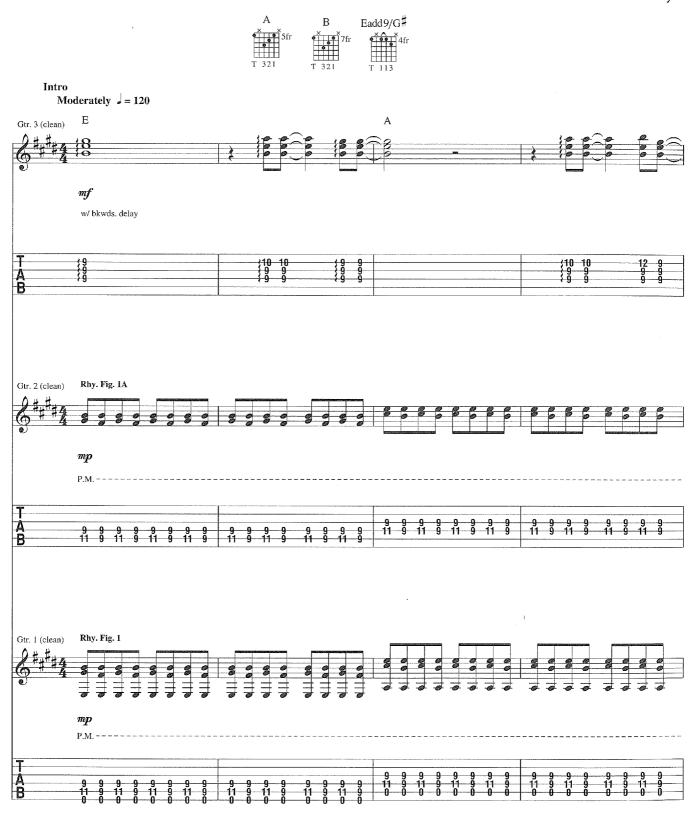






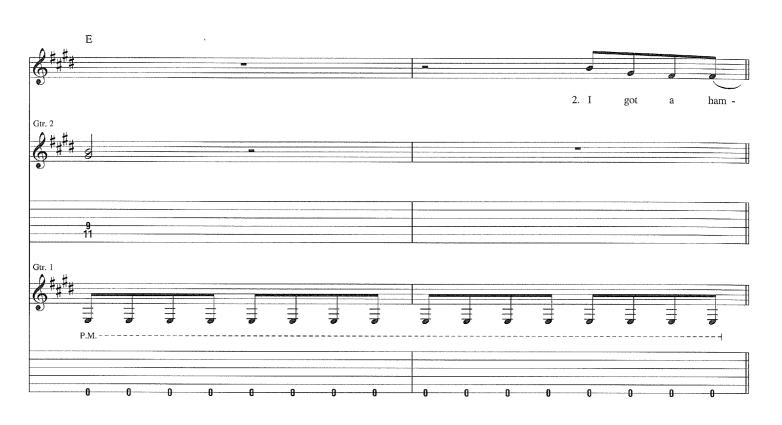
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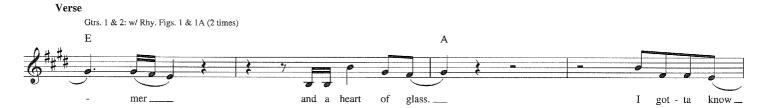
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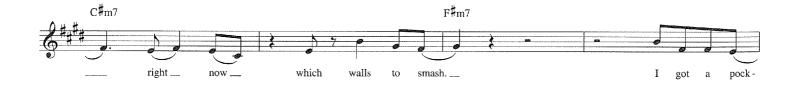


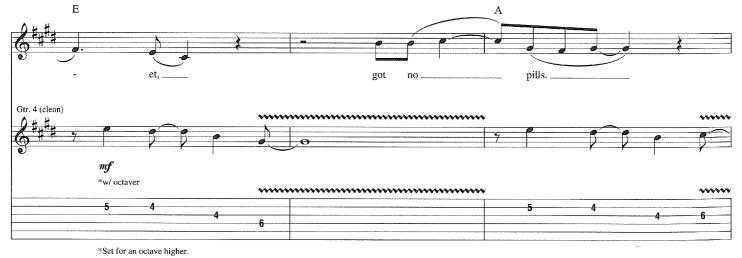


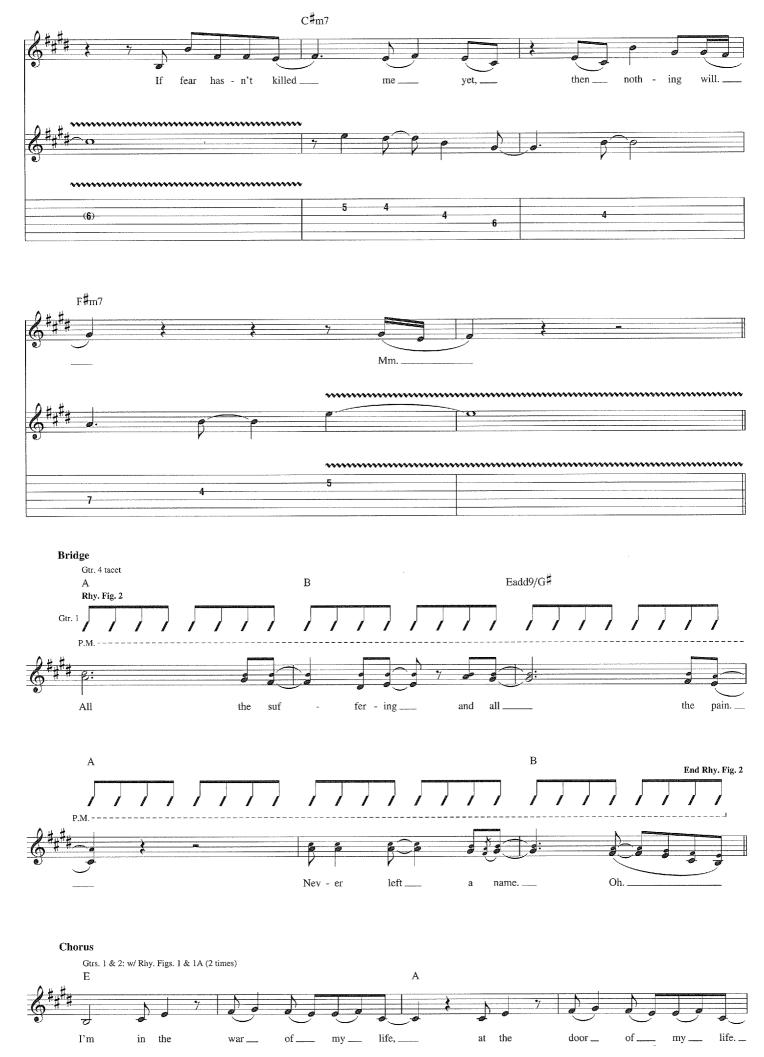




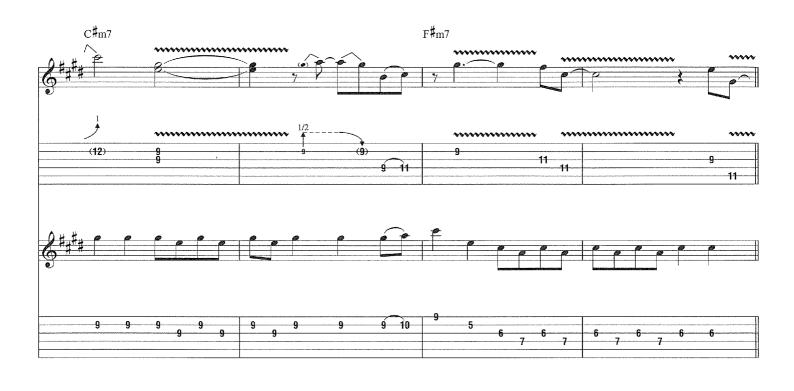












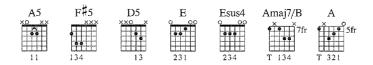


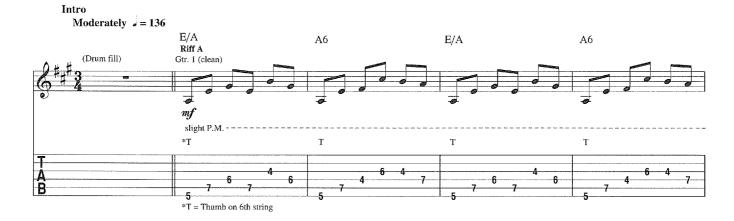
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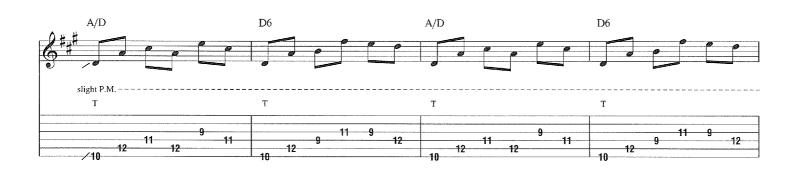


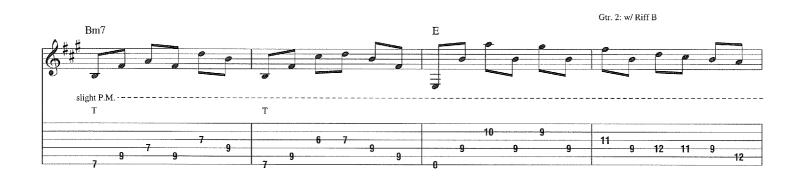
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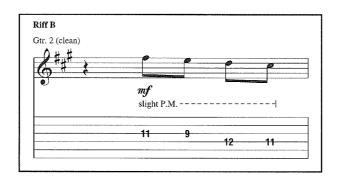
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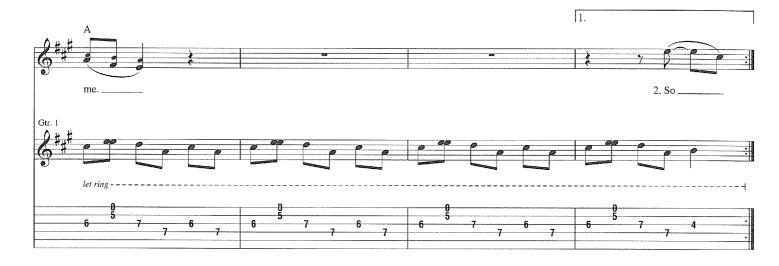


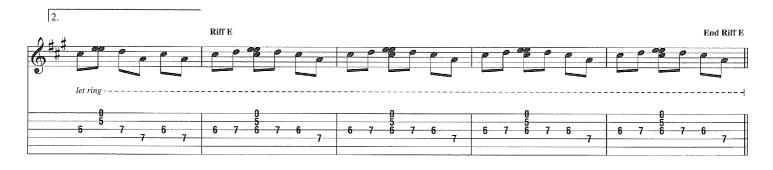


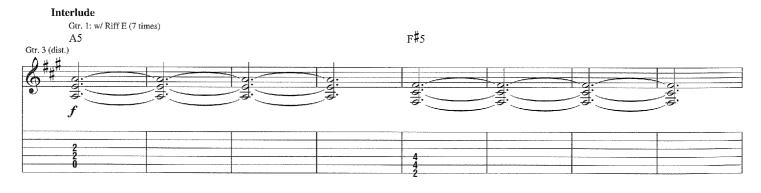


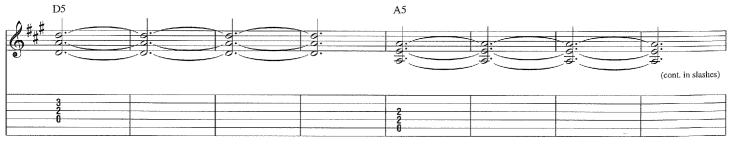


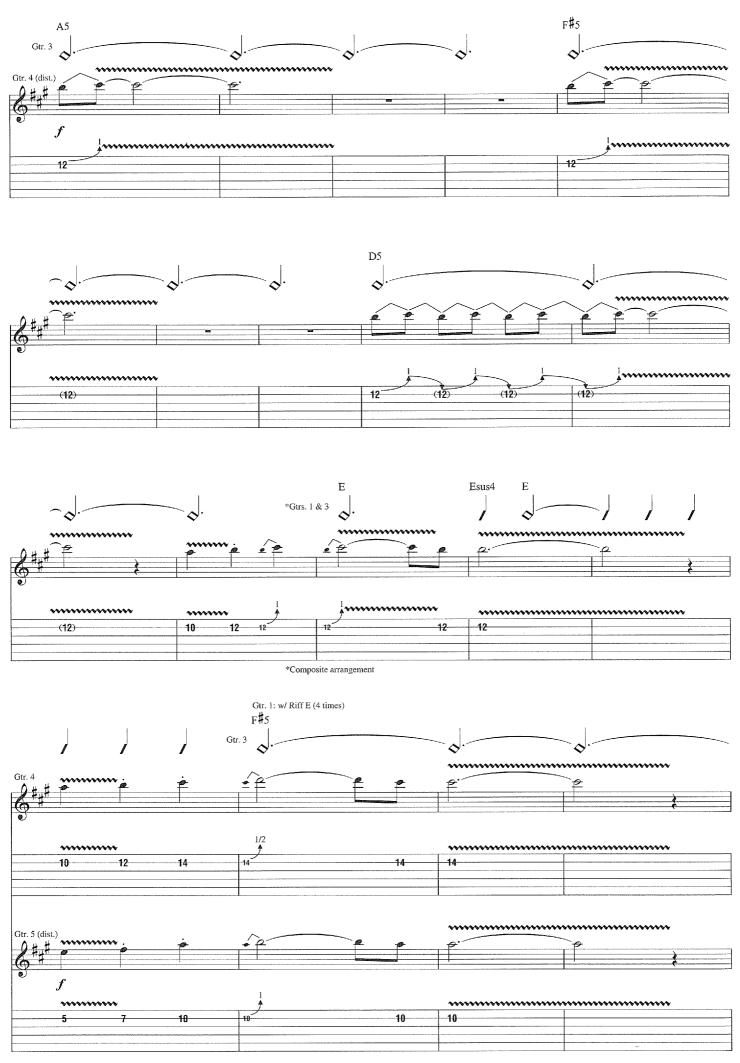










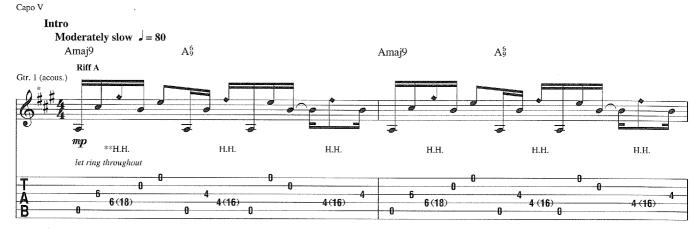






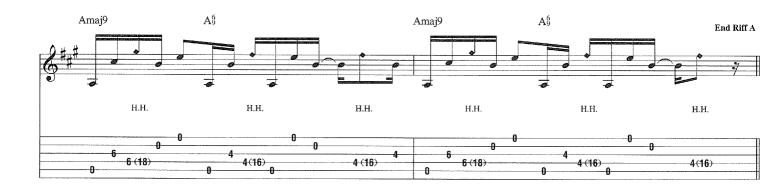
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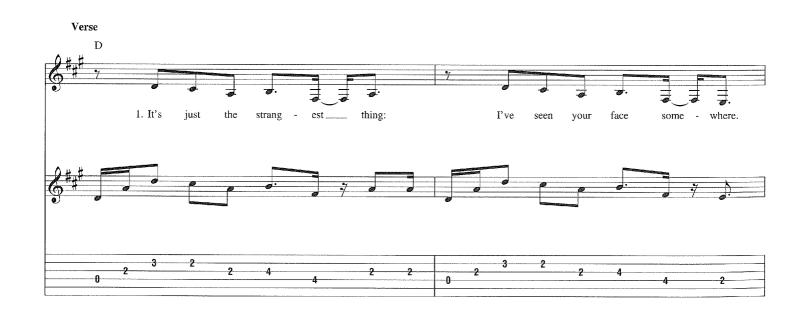
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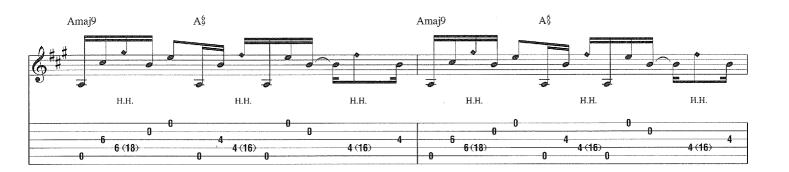


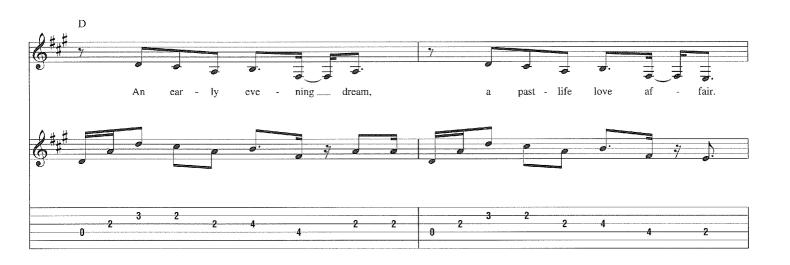
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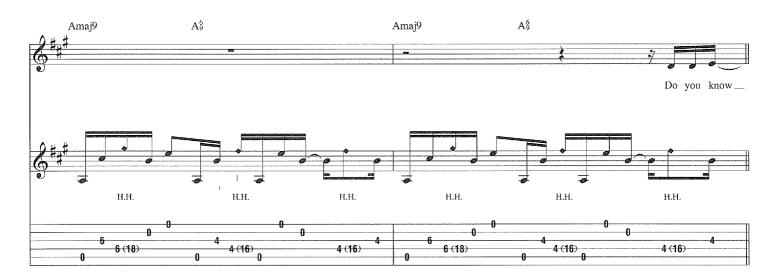
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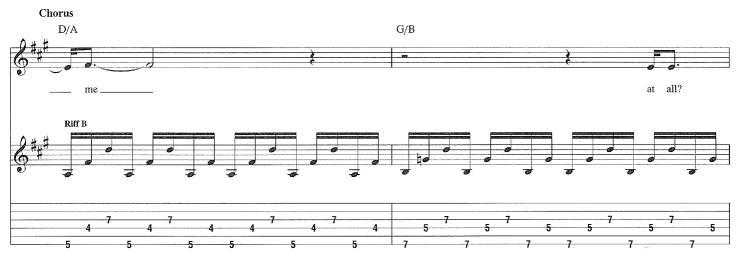




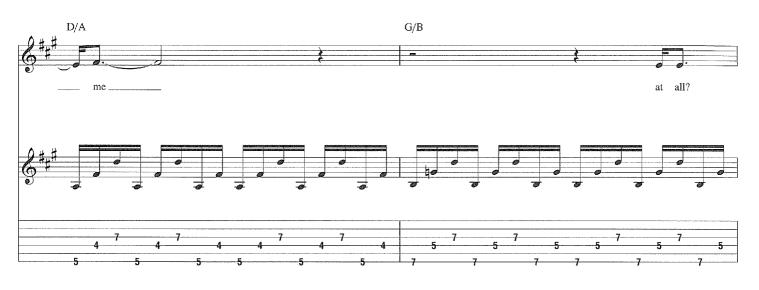


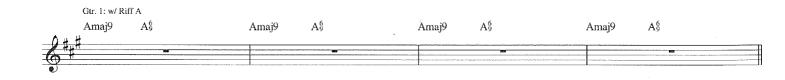


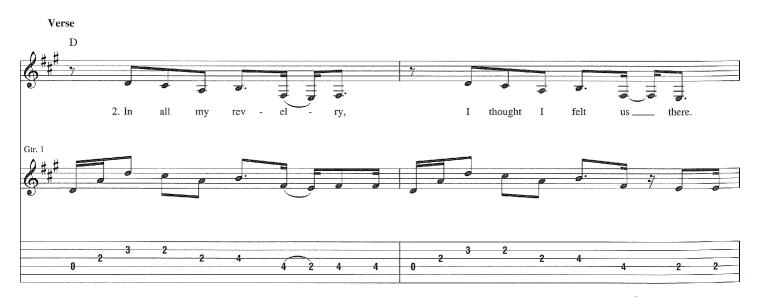


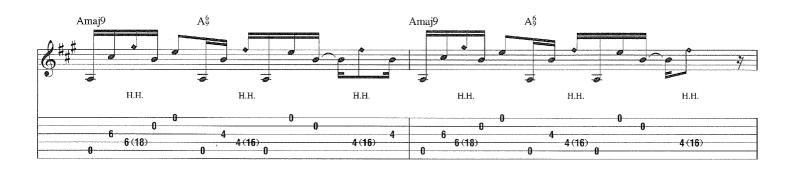


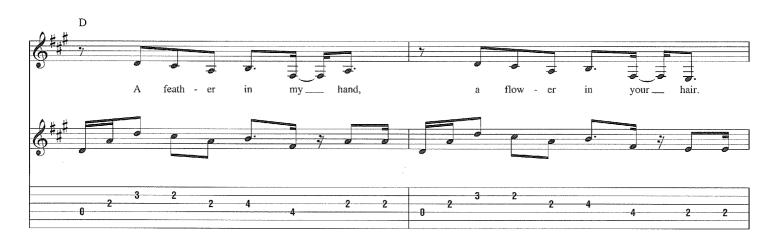


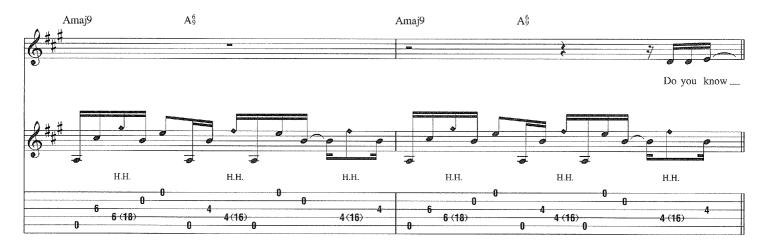


















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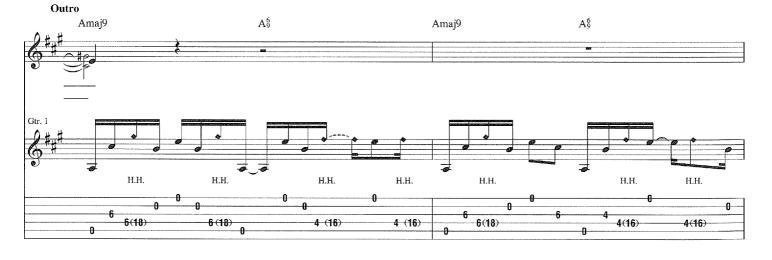
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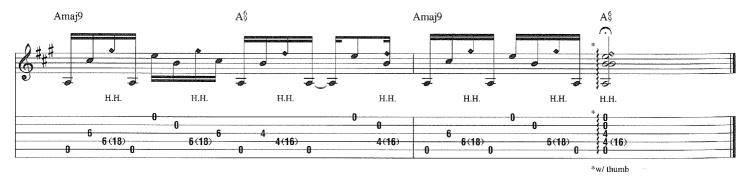
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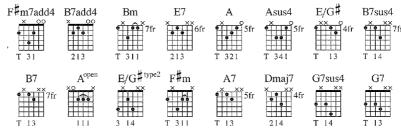


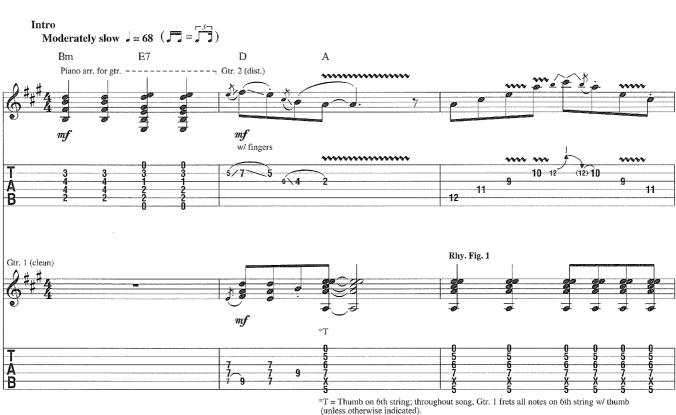


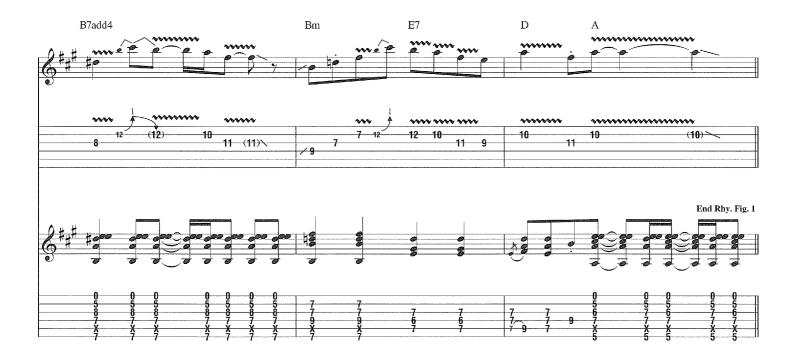


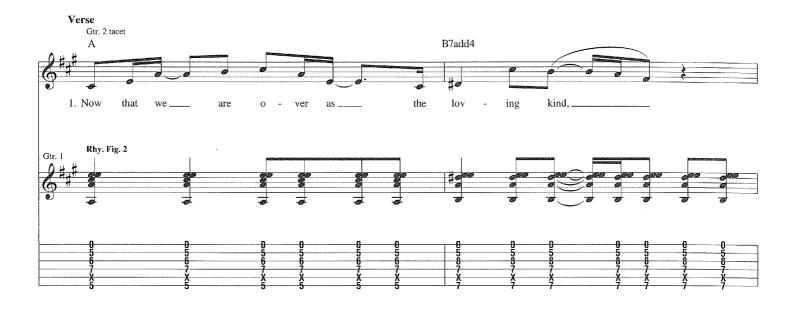
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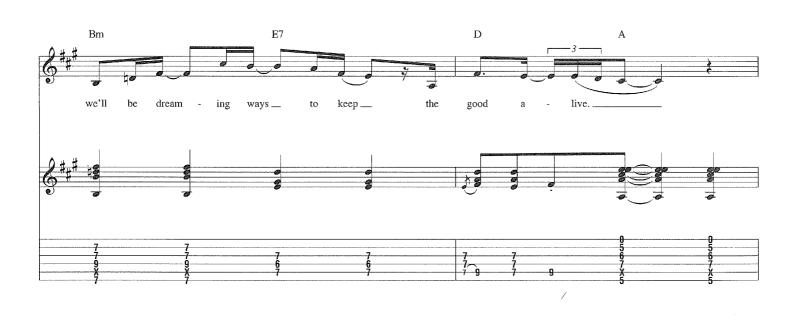
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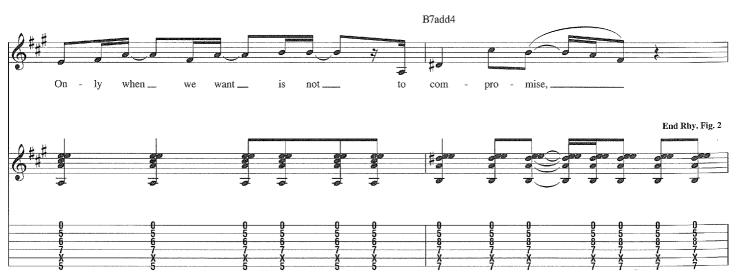






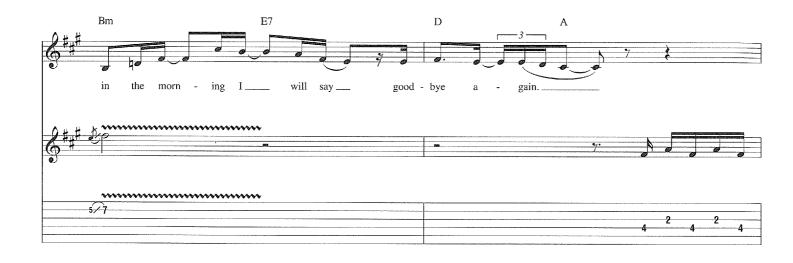


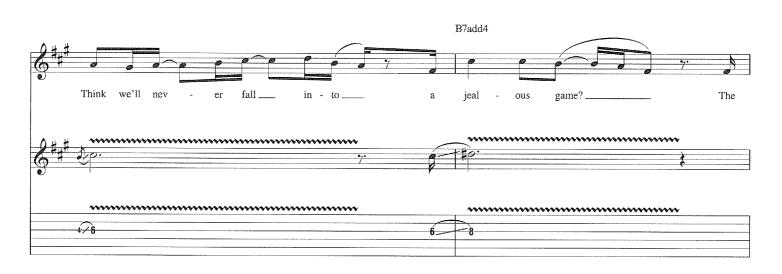


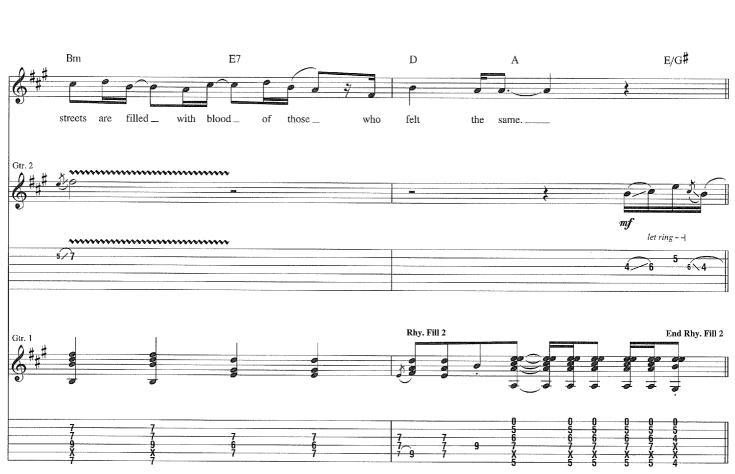


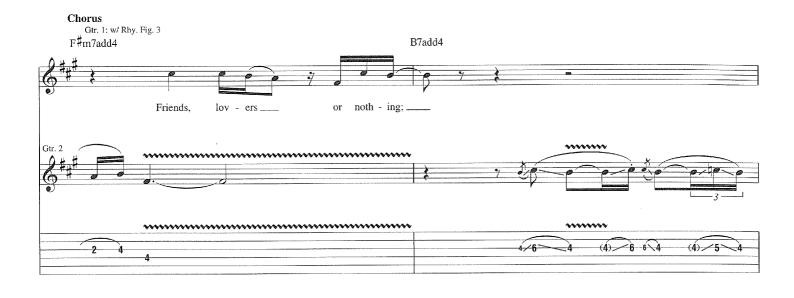


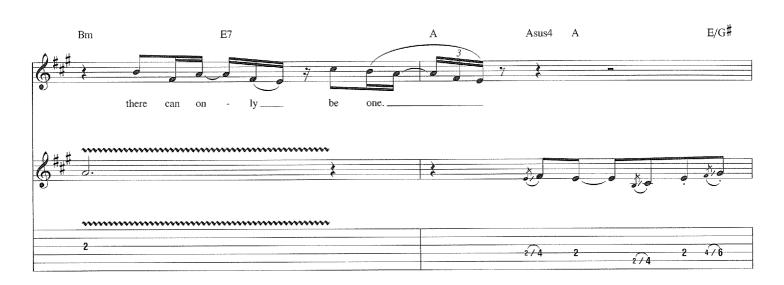


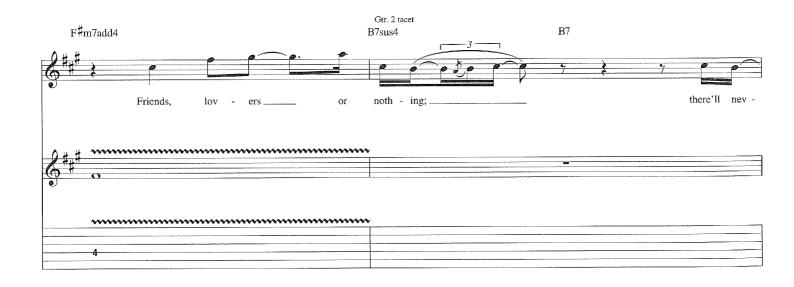


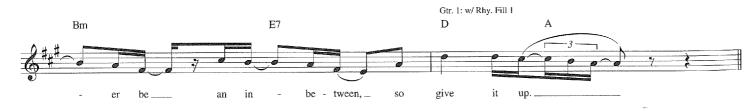




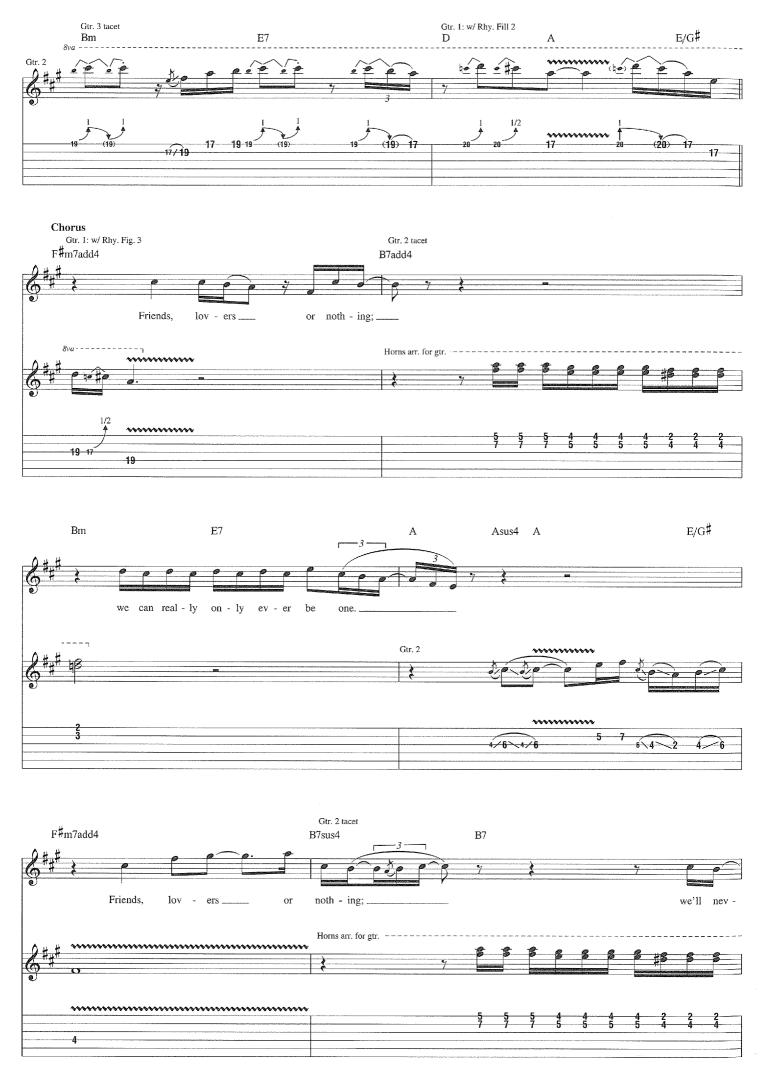


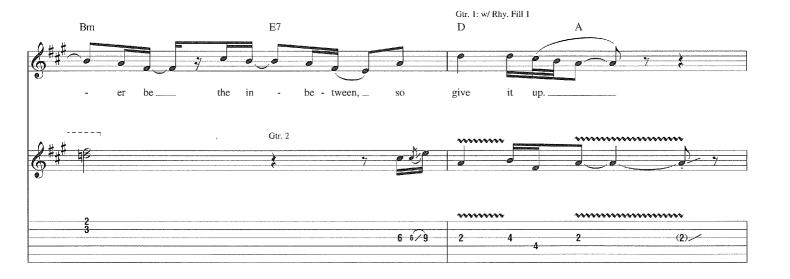


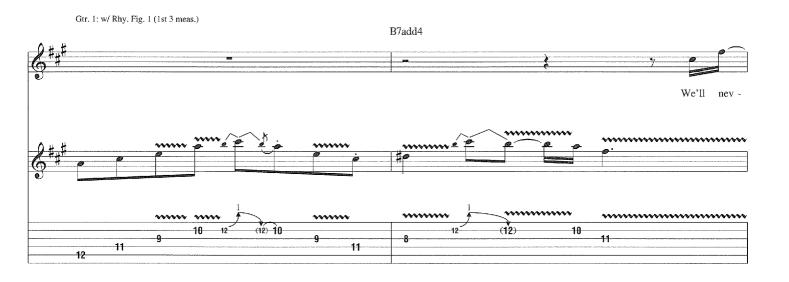


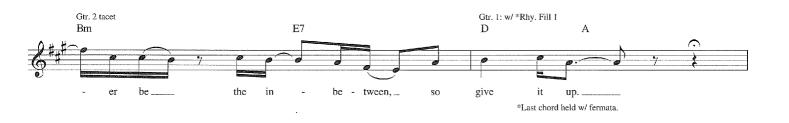


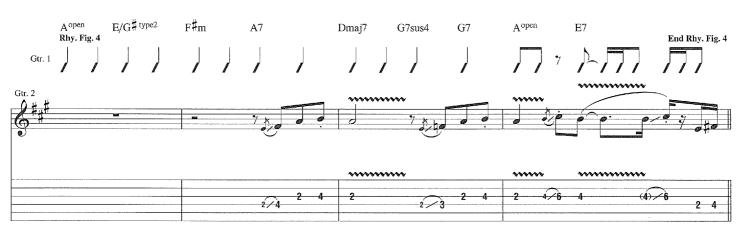


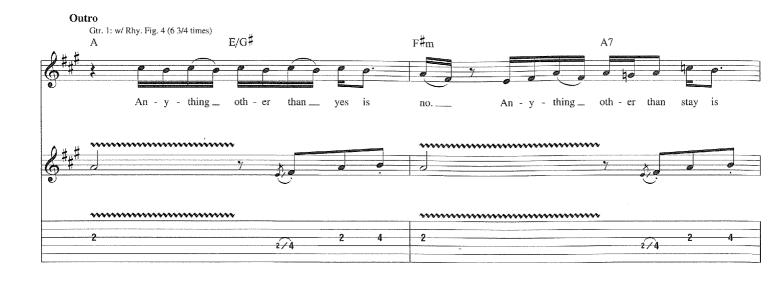


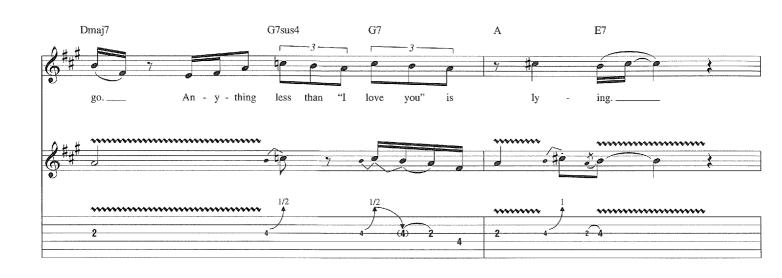


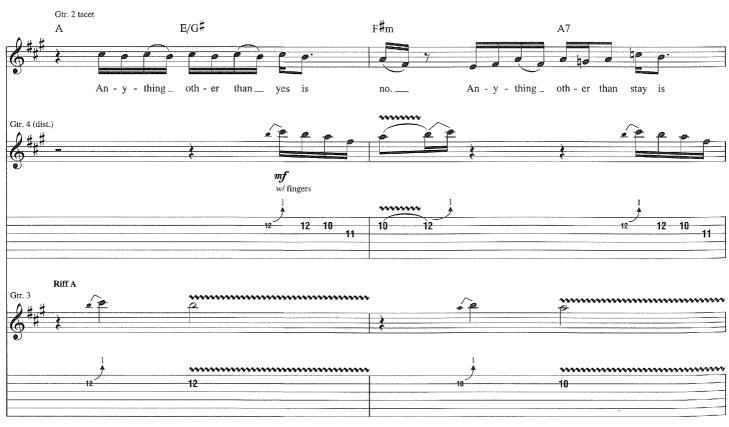


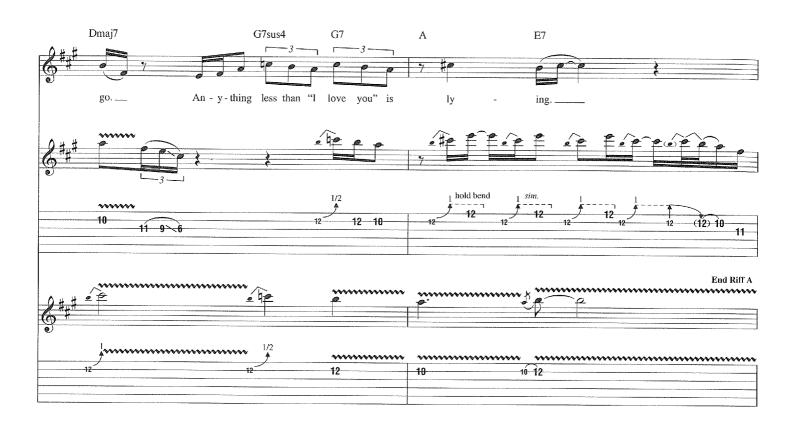


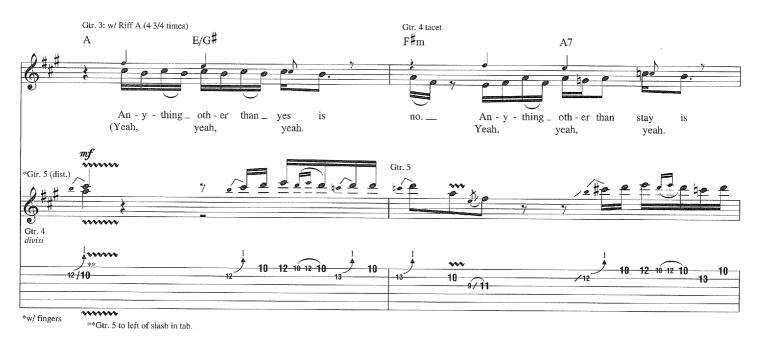


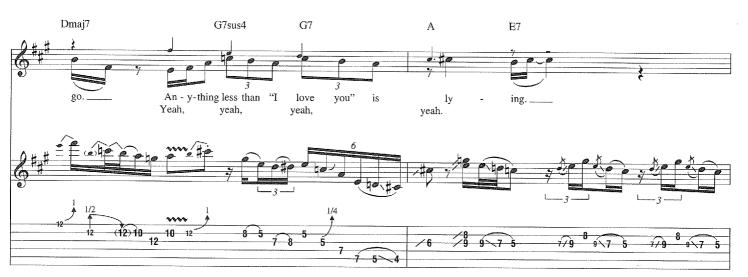




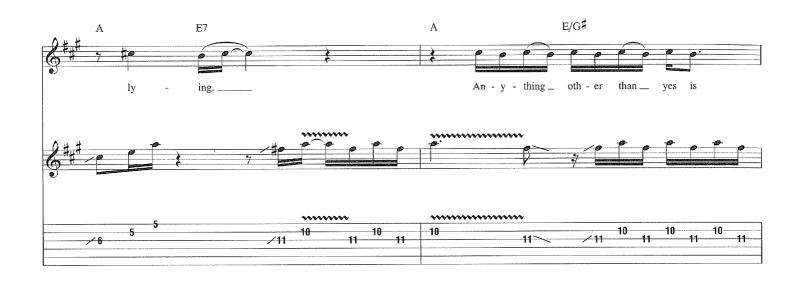


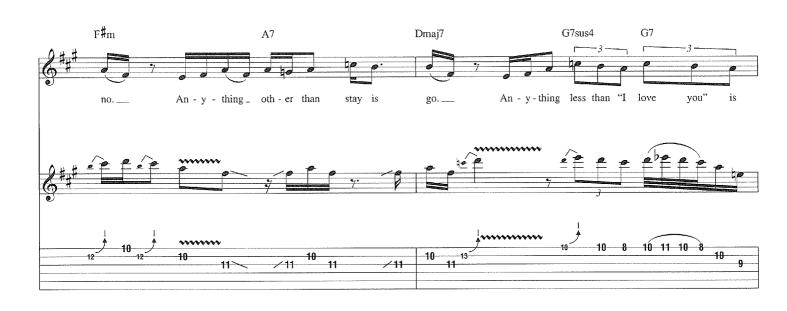


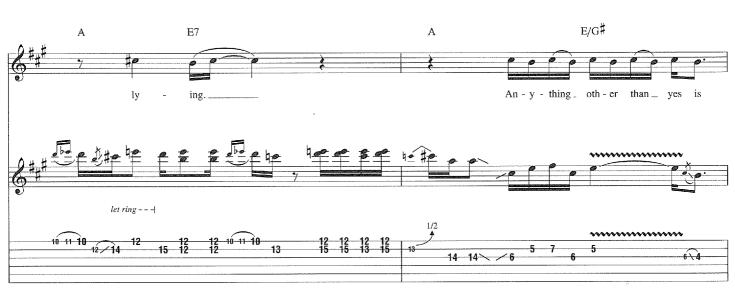














Guitar Notation Legend

Guitar music can be notated three different ways: on a musical staff, in tablature, and in rhythm slashes.

RHYTHM SLASHES are written above the staff. Strum chords in the rhythm indicated Use the chord diagrams found at the top of the first page of the transcription for the appropriate chord voicings. Round noteheads indicate single notes.

THE MUSICAL STAFF shows pitches and rhythms and is divided by bar lines into measures. Pitches are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet.

TABLATURE graphically represents the guitar fingerboard. Each horizontal line represents a string, and each number represents a fret.

HALF-STEP BEND: Strike the note and bend up 1/2 step.



BEND AND RELEASE: Strike the note and bend up as indicated, then release back to the original note. Only the first note is struck.



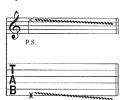
HAMMER-ON: Strike the first (lower) note with one finger, then sound the higher note (on the same string) with another finger by fretting it without picking.



TRILL: Very rapidly alternate between the notes indicated by continuously hammering on and pulling off.



PICK SCRAPE: The edge of the pick is rubbed down (or up) the string, producing a scratchy sound.



TREMOLO PICKING: The note is picked as rapidly and continuously as possible.



WHOLE-STEP BEND: Strike the note and bend up one step.

4th string, 2nd fret

Notes

Strings

high

low



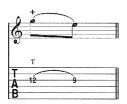
PRE-BEND: Bend the note as indicated, then strike it.



PULL-OFF: Place both fingers on the notes to be sounded. Strike the first note and without picking, pull the finger off to sound the second (lower) note.



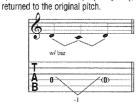
TAPPING: Hammer ("tap") the fret indicated with the pick-hand index or middle finger and pull off to the note fretted by the fret hand.



MUFFLED STRINGS: A percussive sound is produced by laying the fret hand across the string(s) without depressing, and striking them with the pick hand.



VIBRATO BAR DIVE AND RETURN: The pitch of the note or chord is dropped a specified number of steps (in rhythm), then

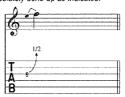


GRACE NOTE BEND: Strike the note and immediately bend up as indicated.

open D chord

1st & 2nd strings open,

played together



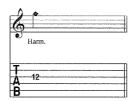
VIBRATO: The string is vibrated by rapidly bending and releasing the note with the fretting hand.



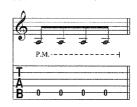
LEGATO SLIDE: Strike the first note and then slide the same fret-hand finger up or down to the second note. The second note is not struck.



NATURAL HARMONIC: Strike the note while the fret-hand lightly touches the string directly over the fret indicated.



PALM MUTING: The note is partially muted by the pick hand lightly touching the string(s) just before the bridge.



VIBRATO BAR SCOOP: Depress the bar just before striking the note, then quickly release the bar.



SLIGHT (MICROTONE) BEND: Strike the note and bend up 1/4 step.

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WIDE VIBRATO: The pitch is varied to a greater degree by vibrating with the fretting hand.



SHIFT SLIDE: Same as legato slide, except the second note is struck.



PINCH HARMONIC: The note is fretted normally and a harmonic is produced by adding the edge of the thumb or the tip of the index finger of the pick hand to the normal pick attack.



RAKE: Drag the pick across the strings indicated with a single motion.



VIBRATO BAR DIP: Strike the note and then immediately drop a specified number of steps, then release back to the original pitch.



HEARTBREAK WARFARE ALL WE EVER DO IS SAY GOODBYE HALF OF MY HEART WHO SAYS PERFECTLY LONELY **ASSASSIN CROSSROADS** WAR OF MY LIFE EDGE OF DESIRE DO YOU KNOW ME FRIENDS, LOVERS OR NOTHING





